

**Faculty Affairs Meeting Minutes
November 21, 2011**

In Attendance:

Matt Arterburn, Chair
Sean Bird
Miguel Gonzalez-Abellas
Sharla Blank
Marguerite Perret
Roy Wohl
Karen Fernengel

- I. Meeting called to order
- II. Opening remarks by Matt Arterburn
- III. Old Business:
 - A. **Approval of minutes** from October 17, 2011 meeting; minutes were approved unanimously.
 - B. **Employment Outside of WU.**

The committee discussed the implications of the current conflict of interest policy section that prohibits all outside teaching unless approved by the VPAA, including a request by the VPAA that outside teaching/scholarly activities be categorized into "Acceptable," "Conditional/Approveable" and "Prohibited" groups. Unable to reach consensus at present, the committee decided to continue work on this topic as a discussion item in future meetings.
- IV. New Business
 - A. **Voting by proxy in Senate and Subcommittees**

The committee discussed the prospect of altering the Senate constitution to allow proxy votes, as discussed at recent FS meetings. The committee voted unanimously to recommend that proxy voting remain prohibited. The rationale for this decision is summarized in the following statement, drawn up by the committee:

"The Faculty Affairs Committee recommends against the implementation of votes by proxy in the Faculty Senate and its subcommittees. The use of proxies invites risks of eroding committee continuity, less-informed voting/discussion and Faculty Senate representation becoming an intermittent commitment."
 - B. **Social Media Policy**

The committee briefly discussed a proposed policy for social media websites that represent Washburn's academic units and student groups. Insufficient time remained for a robust discussion of this topic, and thus this will be the first order of business for the first Spring FAC meeting.
- V. Discussion Items
- VI. Announcements
- VII. Meeting Adjourned