

**Faculty Senate
Washburn University**

*Minutes of March 10, 2008 Meeting
Kansas Room, Memorial Union*

Present: Baker, Bowen (VPAA), Boyd, Camarda, Chorba, DePue, Dinkel, Jackson, Jacobs (President), Liang, Lunte, Martin, Munzer, Nobo, Ockree, Patzel, Petersen (visitor), Peterson, Pownell, Prasch, Renn-Scanlan, Roach, Rodriguez, Russell, C. Schmidt, S. Schmidt, Sharafy, Shipley, C. Sullivan, S. Sullivan, Walker

- I. The meeting of the Faculty Senate was called to order at 3:32 PM.
- II. The minutes of the February 11th, 2008 Faculty Senate meeting were approved.
- III. President's Opening Remarks.
 - A. President Jacobs announced that he has met with VPAA Bowen in an attempt to mitigate some problems involving ITS.
- IV. Report from the Faculty Representatives to the Board of Regents.
 - A. There has been no Board of Regents meeting since the last Faculty Senate meeting.
- V. Faculty Senate Committee Reports.
 - A. The minutes of the Academic Affairs Committee meetings of 12/03/2007 and 02/04/2008 were accepted.
 - B. The minutes of the Faculty Affairs Committee meeting of 02/18/2008 were accepted.
 - C. A report was given by Gary Baker, Chair of the Electoral Committee. In short, spring elections were moving along perfectly.
 - D. It was announced that a report from the Academic Integrity Committee will be given later this semester.
- VI. University Committee Minutes.
 - A. The minutes of the International Education Committee meeting of 01/31/2008 were accepted.
- VII. Old Business. There was no old business.
- VIII. New Business.
 - A. Discussion was given to action item #08-01, entitled "Change in Composition of the Academic Affairs Committee (AAC)." The motion to close the first reading was seconded and approved.
- IX. Information Items.
 - A. It was announced that a survey relating to faculty compensation for supervising WTE projects would soon be released. Those in attendance were asked to complete the survey and were also asked to encourage as many of their colleagues to complete the survey.

- X. Discussion Items.
- A. In the wake of recent college shootings, information was sought relating to Washburn University's emergency response system. VPAA Bowen announced that campus police have received training to deal with such events. VPAA Bowen also announced that an emergency response system has been purchased and will be installed in the near future.
 - B. Peterson spoke to the issue of guns on campus, noting that a student group urging concealed carry has been publicizing itself and calling for student support. He expressed the wish that the Senate would take a public position in opposition to this lunacy.
 - C. It was noted that renovations to the Stoffer Science Hall are lacking in numerous, and often substantial, ways (e.g., no countertops in research laboratories, poor and excessively loud ventilation). President Jacobs agreed to draft a response that will be sent to President Farley in the hope that faculty comments and concerns will be addressed prior to the alumni open house scheduled for April.
- XI. The meeting was adjourned at 4:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Mike Russell, Secretary to the Faculty Senate