

**Faculty Senate  
Washburn University**

*Minutes of October 12, 2009  
Kansas Room, Memorial Union*

Present: Arterburn, Averett, Barker, Berry, Byrne, Croucher, Faulkner, Fry, Isaacson, Janzen, Kelly, Khan, Lunte, Manske, Mazachek,,McGuire, Melick, Menzie, Ockree, Prasch (President), Quinn, Routsong, Sharafy, Shaver, Sullivan, Unruh, Walker, Wynn

- I. The meeting of the Faculty Senate was called to order at 3:33 PM.
- II. The minutes of the Faculty Senate meeting of September 14, 2009 were approved.
- III. President's Opening Remarks.
  - A. Prasch introduced Harold Rood, Chair of the Benefits committee and open the floor to his remarks.

Rood provided background on the benefits committee and answered questions concerning the make-up of the committee. Four members are appointed at the direction of the faculty senate and four are appointed from the staff council. Questions from Senators included how the deductible was set, how the tiers were developed, and whether other organizations besides BCBS had been contacted to administer the policy. Rood invited new members from the Senate to take up these issues for the next cycle (November 2010). Rood also commented that the Benefits committee had very little time to make corrections this year, but did so based on consultation with an outside insurance consultant and the HR director.
  - B. He felt that he was given a more detailed account of the problems, with an assurance that some compensation would be coming from Sunguard and a recognition that there were at least some local issues involved in the breakdown and a significant lack of communication between ISS and its constituencies.

However, the campus-wide announcement and e-mail issued on September 18 suggested there were still unresolved issues: the announcement was identified as from the "Technology Steering Committee," when in fact that committee had never voted on the final wording, and the announcement returned to a pattern of insisting that all difficulties in the outage could be credited to Sunguard. Reporting on behalf of the Tech Steering Committee and the Faculty Technology Committee, Rick Barker and Azyz Sharafy noted that there remained issues with communication and full consultation in regard to ISS decisions. Prasch noted, finally, that ISS had moved to purchase a new e-mail server, discounting suggestions to outsource email, at a cost estimated at \$100,000.
- IV. Report from the Faculty Representatives to the Board of Regents.
  - A. Prasch stated that the Board has not met since the last meeting.
- V. Faculty Senate Committee Reports.

- A. Minutes from the Academic Affairs Committee meeting of September 9, 2009 were approved.
- VI. University Committee Minutes.
- A. Minutes from the Library Committee meeting of September 27, 2009 were accepted.
  - B. Minutes from the Curriculum Development Grant Committee meeting of September 16, 2009 were accepted.
  - C. Minutes from the Faculty Development Grant Committee meeting of September 21, 2009 were accepted.
  - D. Minutes from the Honors Advisory Committee meeting of Sept 16, 2009 were accepted.
  - E. Minutes from the Honors Advisory Committee meeting of September 23, 2009 were accepted.
- VII. Old Business.
- A. Appointments to the Benefit Committee: the following were appointed to the committee  
Rosemary Walker  
Mary Ramirez  
Russ Jacobs  
Tracy Routsong
  - B. (Action Item 09-09). Amendment to the Faculty Constitution Clarifying Faculty Representation The item was approved.
  - C. (Action Item 09-11) Revision of the Composition of the Graduate Committee. The item was approved.
  - D. (Action Item 09-12) Revision of the Faculty Handbook Language on the Student Financial Aid Committee. The item was approved.
  - E. (Action Item 09-13) Board of Student Publication and Faculty Handbook Discrepancies. The item was approved
- VIII. New Business.
- A. (Action Item 09-14) Proposed Revision to Appendix IV – Human Subjects Research Policy. The item was amended and moved to second reading.
  - B. (Action Item 09-15) Clarification of the structure of the Major Research and Grand Review Subcommittee.  
Two options were presented to the committee. Both items were approved on first reading and it was the consensus of the senate to allow both to go to second reading at the next meeting.
  - C. Appointments to the Ad Hoc Strategic Planning Subcommittee  
The following members were asked to serve based on the approved composition:  
Karen Ray ( Humanities)  
Kerry Wynn (Social Sciences)  
Gaspar Porta (Natural Sciences)  
Azyz Sharafy ( Arts/Theater/Music)  
Tim Fry (Ed/HPEES)  
Lori Edwards (SON)  
Jim Martin (SOBU)  
Mark Kauffman (SAS)  
Bill Rich (SOL)
- IX. Information Items. There were none.

- X. Discussion Items. There were none
- XI. Announcements. There were none.
- XII. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 4:49 PM
- XIII. The next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, October 26 at 3:30 pm** in the Kansas Room, Memorial Union.