

**Faculty Senate
Washburn University**

*Minutes of February 8, 2010
Kansas Room, Memorial Union*

Present: Arteburn, Averett, Barker, Berry, Byrne, Catanzaro, Childers, Croucher, Faulkner, Fry, Isaacson, Janzen, Kelly, Manske, Melick, Ockree, Prasch, Rich, Routsong, Sharafy, Shaver, Sullivan, Tate (VPAA), Wynn, Love (SGA)

- A. The meeting of the Faculty Senate was called to order at 3:37 PM. Tom Prasch presiding.
- B. The minutes of the Faculty Senate meeting of December 14, 2009 were approved.
- C. President's Opening Remarks.
Prasch reported that the electoral committee is at work to fill the two at-large seats vacated by Wunder and McGuire. They are working on an electronic voting process, and should be ready very soon.
Prasch reminded the senators the General Education wiki is open for comments and is now in the hands of the Academic Affairs committee. Prasch reminded everyone to read all of the proposals and comment. He is not sure when it will come to the full senate.
Prasch also reminded senators that the strategic planning document will be released soon for comment. It is important to read and provided input.
- D. Report from the Faculty Representatives to the Board of Regents.
Prasch reported that the Board of Regents met on January 29. The BOR went through the strategic plan without action. The BOR also reapproved the early retirement program for this year. And lastly, the BOR unanimously approved the RFP for outsourcing of facilities services. However, several regents noted that while they approved the RFP, they may withhold final approval of any contract to outsource. This is an involved processes which may take several months.
Prasch reported the Budget committee of the BOR met and is looking at \$2 million dollars in reductions, including the savings from early retirees. There was also some discussion concerning reallocation of funds.
- E. Faculty Senate Committee Reports.
 - A. Minutes from the Academic Affairs meeting of 12-3-09 were approved.
- F. University Committee Minutes.
 - A. Minutes from the Assessment Committee Meeting of December 3, 2009 were accepted.
 - B. Minutes from Honors Advisory Committee Meeting of December 2, 2009 were accepted.
- G. Old Business.
There was no old business.
- H. New Business.
 - A. 10-01 Business Curriculum Change BU 484 – the motion was passed.

- I. Information Items. There were none.
- J. Discussion Items. The senators had a brief discussion concerning what criteria determine a major change for curriculum as defined by the charter for the academic affairs committee. No action was taken.
- K. Announcements. There were no announcements
- L. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 4:12 PM.
- M. The next meeting will be **March 8, 2010 at 3:30 pm** in the Kansas Room, Memorial Union.