

**Faculty Senate
Washburn University**

*Minutes of September 26, 2011
Washburn B, Memorial Union*

Present: Angel, Arterburn, Averett, Barker, Bird, Blank, Dodge, Edwards , Gonzalez-Abellas, Isaacson, Jacobs, Kelly, Mazachek, Melick, Menzie, Morse, Ockree, Perret, Pilgram, Rich, Roach, Routsong, Rubenstein, Sanchez, Schmidt, Sheldon, Tate (AVPAA),Unruh, Wagner, Wohl

- I. The meeting of the Faculty Senate was called to order at 3:31 PM. Steve Angel presiding.
- II. The minutes of the Faculty Senate meeting of August 29, 2011 were approved.
- III. President's Opening Remarks.
Angel welcomed all the Senators. Angel reported to the Senators that as a result of the strategic planning experience, an additional item has been added to the agenda which would allow Senators to report on the direction and accomplishments of their units. Angel thanked Lori Edwards and the School of Nursing for being the first to report this session and invited Senators to volunteer to present on their units. Also, a report from the VPAA's office has been added to each agenda.
- IV. Report from the Faculty Representatives to the Board of Regents
Vice President Roach reported that he had attended the audit meeting of the BoR. The audit committee asked auditor to look at the adequacy of the whistleblower policy that was passed by the Board. The policy was passed at the request of the auditor last year, but there are concerns that it may have become too diluted to be effective.
- V. Report from the Units – School of Nursing
Lori Edwards reported that the School of Nursing is sending forth a proposal for major curriculum changes in the undergraduate program this year. Faculty is excited to bring curriculum more in alignment with AACN (American Association of College of Nursing). This Thursday, the graduate education committee will hear the first reading of the Doctorate of Nursing Practice proposal. St. Francis hospital is contracting with WU SON to fund the mobile unit for three years. This will result in some collaborative training between WU and St. Francis. Current enrollment is 305 undergraduates and 98 graduate students in the SON. They are also excited about the Transatlantic Dual degree being offered with Finland, Hungary and Queen's College in Ireland. The SON has six students abroad for the whole year, and there are five students here from the participating countries. Currently, two faculty returned from the faculty exchange, teaching in Finland, and two more are leaving to teach in Hungary next week. There are currently visiting faculty on campus from the other institutions.
- VI. Report from the VPAA – AVPAA Nancy Tate requested that any comments or questions heard from the faculty concerning the Gen Ed proposal be passed along to the VPAA's office. The powerpoint is currently available on the VPAA's website and the video will be posted as soon as it is returned.
- VII. Faculty Senate Committee Reports –
 - A. Minutes from the Electoral Committee of September 12, 2011 were approved
 - B. Minutes from the Academic Affairs Committee of April 28, 2011 were approved

- VIII. University Committee Minutes
- A. Minutes of the Honors Committee meeting of March 2, 2011 were accepted.
 - B. Minutes of the International Education Committee meeting of March 31, 2011 were accepted.
 - C. Minutes of the International Education Committee meeting of April 21, 2011 were accepted.
- IX. Old Business. –
- A. Rick Barker was appointed to the Faculty Technology Steering committee
 - B. Kathy Menzie was appointed to the Campus Safety committee
 - C. On April 12, 2010, Item 10-15 for reorganization of the Academic /Sweet Sabbatical Committee was passed by the Faculty Senate. It was not addressed in General Faculty. The motion to approve item 10-15 for online voting was approved by the Faculty Senate.
- X. New Business – None
- XI. Information Items –
- Jennifer Wagner, Chair of the Electoral Committee reported to Senators that no nominations for the At-large position had been received and asked senators to discuss this with colleagues and encourage candidates.
- XII. Discussion Items: Senators asked for clarification on absentee/proxy voting. Rick Barker, Parliamentarian, reported that under Roberts Rules of Order, 10th Edition, section 414-415, proxy and absentee balloting are not allowed in the faculty senate and committees. The basic principle is that discussion is an integral part of the vote. Senators discussed whether it should be allowed in committees, or by utilizing wikis, listserves, etc. The matter was referred to the Faculty Affairs Committee for discussion.
- XIII. Announcements:
- XIV. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:19 pm