

**Washburn University  
Meeting of the Faculty Senate  
December 7, 2015  
3:00 PM – Kansas Room, Memorial Union**

**PRESENT:**

**Alexander (Ryan), Ball, Francis, Jackson, Kwak, Leung, Mansfield, Mastrosimone, McHenry, Modellmog, Pembrook, Petersen, Russell, Sanchez, Schnoebelen, Sourgens, Steinroetter, Tutwiler, Weiner, Worsely, Zwikstra**

**ABSENT:**

**Alexander (Rebecca), Childers, Farwell, Garritano, Mapp, Mechtly, Memmer, Palbicke, Porta, Routsong, Sadikot, Scofield, Smith, Stacey, Stevens, Stevenson, Treinen, Wohl**

**GUESTS:**

**Vickie Kelly and Nancy Tate**

- I. **President Ball called the meeting to order at 3:02pm.**
- II. **The Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting of November 16, 2015 were approved.**
- III. **President’s Opening Remarks: None**
- IV. **Report from the Faculty Representative to the Board of Regents:**
  - **Ball went to the audit meeting: nothing much to report beyond what was in the report.**
  - **Modellmog went to the full meeting: 1) Hunter, LaLonde, and McQuere were awarded emeritus status, and 2) funding for various building and renovation projects was granted.**
- V. **VPAA Update—Dr. Randy Pembrook:**
  - **Commencement—please attend this Friday; it starts at 6:00pm. The Washburn Tech commencement is on Thursday night at 7:00pm.**
  - **Visits to community college in the fall were very worthwhile; some from Johnson County Community College (JCCC) will be visiting in the spring. Please let us know if you have contacts JCCC that might aid in engagement, or ideas to foster greater ties.**
  - **Thanks for re-recruitment efforts; our levels are ahead of last year.**
  - **CJ Crawford is leaving after commencement; please thank her for her work.**
  - **Margaret Wood left on Friday, Melanie Burdick from English is taking over—please support her and C-TEL.**
  - **Happy holidays and happy grading.**
  - **Petersen noted that some faculty were wondering if we would be doing a survey about conceal and carry on campus. Pembrook indicated that President Farley thought the town hall meetings we did would be better than a survey; do we still need a survey based on what was presented at these meetings? Modellmog thought that what was missing was a consensus on the feelings of the faculty; it was just an open forum. Ball reported that she thought that the AAUP on campus might be drafting a policy about this. Pembrook wondered what the purpose of the outcomes of such a survey might be. Ball and Petersen**

both noted that they still don't know how the faculty feels about this issue; it wasn't revealed by the qualitative feedback provided at the forums. Ball said it sounds like there won't be a survey so Faculty Senate can put one together.

**VI. Faculty Senate Committee Reports: NONE**

**VII. University Committee Reports:**

- The International Education Committee minutes from October 8, 2015 were received.
- The Interdisciplinary Studies Committee minutes from October 29, 2015 were received.
- The Assessment Committee minutes from November 11, 2015 were received.
- The Library Committee minutes from November 18, 2015 were received.

**VIII. Old Business:**

- 16-3 Change to Faculty Handbook-Assessment Committee Membership Tenure (presented by Nancy Tate and Vickie Kelly). The agenda item was passed.

**IX. New Business:**

- 16-4 Office Door Proposal (Ball): She has already received some feedback on this which she appreciated as this is a first reading. Pembroke asked if Ball had consulted the VPAT regarding this issue since the last meeting; she had not but her first interaction indicated that a policy was not forthcoming. Zwikstra doubted the claim of damage as a reason not to allow items to be taped to doors. Another draft of this proposal will be presented at the next Senate meeting.

**X. Information Items: None**

**XI. Discussion Items: None**

**XII. Announcements:**

Pembroke: We have an Interdisciplinary Studies (IS) committee and Graduate Council. If a graduate proposal comes forth that is interdisciplinary, what do we want to do with it? Petersen wondered about what the vetting process for the curriculum changes to such a program might be (would it be relegated to a committee that may or may not be composed of those faculty?). Pembroke says that, in this particular case—a program that is housed in the Communication Studies (CN) department but involving the Leadership Institute—the CN faculty would and have had a voice throughout the process. Modellmog wondered if there were even graduate programs in Leadership; Pembroke assured all that those instructing on these issues would be at the doctoral level. Ball clarified that CN is the home for the program but that Michael Gleason (from the Leadership Institute) will be on the committee. Petersen again wondered about the process for changing the curriculum. Pembroke said that both the CN and Leadership faculty would deal with it. The faculty present revealed that such programs should go through the graduate council. Pembroke added that anything in Graduate council also ends up coming to Senate, so concerns could always be voiced here.

**XIII. President Ball adjourned the meeting at 3:32pm.**