

**Washburn University
Meeting of the Faculty Senate
March 21, 2016
3:00 PM – Kansas Room, Memorial Union**

PRESENT: Alexander (Rebecca), Ball, Farwell, Francis, Kwak, Mansfield, Mastrosimone, McHenry, Memmer, Modellmog, Palbicke, Pembrook, Petersen, Porta, Routsong, Russell, Sanchez, Schmidt, Schnoebelen, Scofield, Smith, Sourgens, Stacey, Stevens, Stevenson, Weiner, Wohl, Zwikstra

ABSENT:

Alexander (Ryan), Childers, Garritano, Jackson, Mapp, Sadikot, Steinroetter, Treinen, Tutwiler, Worsely

GUESTS:

Blake Porter and Nancy Tate

- I. President Ball called the meeting to order at 3:03pm.**
- II. The minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting of March 7, 2016 were amended and approved.**
- III. President’s Opening Remarks: If you are interested in running for president next year, please consider... course reduction.**
- IV. Report from the Faculty Representative to the Board of Regents: NONE**
- V. VPAA Update—Dr. Randy Pembrook:**
 - **Over the next 2-3 weeks, the Senate will hear from the AAC and Graduate council on a few items (1. The continuous enrollment for graduate students policy; 2. The Masters in CN and Leadership; and 3. The insurance training certificate from the School of Business.)**
 - **The deadline for applying for the Voluntary Retirement Incentive program is April 15th.**
 - **Nancy Tate is wearing 2 hats since CJ Crawford retired; look for things soon about commencement (which will be on May 14th).**
 - **We will be preparing our annual report on Vision 2022; relevant departments/units should look for e-mails asking for updates in the near future.**
- VI. Faculty Senate Committee Reports: NONE**
- VII. University Committee Reports:**
 - **The Honors Advisory Board minutes from February 3, 2016 were received.**
 - **The Graduate Council minutes from January 25, 2016 were received.**
- VIII. Old Business:**
 - **16-7 Academic Residency Requirement (Presented by Tate): Petersen asked if there was any downside to the proposal; Tate noted that none had occurred to her, as it should only increase the number of potential degrees that we offer. Schmidt asked about whether or not capstone classes can be taken elsewhere; Tate and Ball both noted that this issue was covered**

in the specific language of the proposal. Mastrosimone asked about how this would affect the Law Early Admission Program (LEAP); Tate said that it shouldn't. The proposal was passed.

- **16-5 Designated Smoking Areas on Campus** was presented by Ball (NOTE: the Senate voted to add this to the agenda by a 2/3 majority of the senators present): Memmer wondered where this would go if approved by the Senate; Ball replied that it would go to General Faculty. Mansfield wondered where students stood on this; Ball noted that they (through the WSGA) had expressed wanting an all out ban. Ball noted that student and staff councils had all been talking about this, so this proposal would just add another voice. Porter said students voted last year voted for a ban via survey. Ball said that she only saw the numbers from this student survey but not any comments. Ball added that faculty members who have discussed the issue with her have indicated they are bothered by second-hand smoke (this was the primary issue). Porta asked about how many smoking areas there would be; Ball said there was not a set number; this is just a statement of general support for designated smoking areas. Petersen wondered if any of the groups had discovered how many smokers are on campus or investigated smoking cessation for smokers on campus if the measure was adopted. Ball noted that this had come up and indicated that student health, for instance, has help available. Petersen noted that perhaps this could be the first step toward a ban but that help for smokers should be considered. Routsong noted that there are other non-WU sources for smoking cessation. Pembroke noted that this is different action than what is usual for the Senate; if Senate passes it, it would go on to General Faculty to see if they want to advance it as a faculty voice in an ongoing conversation. But Pembroke indicated that it seems like there might be questions faculty are asking that are unanswered (such as help for smoking cessation and the actual number of areas there might be). As such, answering these questions might be a good idea before voting and passing it on. Ball concurred, and noted that this is just a statement of support and not a policy that will be implemented. Stevenson wondered when the actual decision would be made regarding such a policy; Ball noted that this is (or eventually will be) an executive decision. Pembroke added that Board of Regents would ultimately decide the issue. Ball agreed but noted that after that decision is made, the policy would come from Dr. Farley's office. Modellmog noted that her students have expressed concern about many different issues on campus but not smoking. Schmidt wondered why we weren't proposing a total ban. Ball said that it was simply because no one had. Wohl said that he though the designated area seemed prudent. Mastrosimone argued that each unit or building should decide what areas would be designated. He also noted there would be enforcement issues for a total ban. Ball finally also noted that the policy name should be amended to include vaping. Pembroke wondered if we should have an all out tobacco ban (including chewing). Adding vaping to the ban was the only friendly amendment. The proposal was passed.

IX. New Business: NONE

X. Information Items: NONE

XI. Discussion Items: NONE

XII. Announcements:

- **Schnoebelen reminded senators that the April 4th meeting would be in the Washburn Room downstairs instead of the usual Kansas room.**

XIII. President Ball adjourned the meeting at 3:35pm.