

FACULTY AGENDA ITEM NO 18-24

Date: *February 26, 2018*

Submitted by: Faculty Affairs Committee

SUBJECT: Faculty Handbook Section One VII.E.2. *Updates the structure and selection of members for the Board of Student Media*

Rationale: *The Board of Student Media is an important asset to Student Media. The updated structure makes filing the student and faculty positions more cohesive. The addition of a community member will allow the students and faculty adviser to have a direct link to the industry and Topeka community. The intent of this change is to update the structure and create a more cohesive and effective process for appointing and retaining members. The current structure has components, like the "review committee," that have not been implemented fully for a long time. We are also adding a two-year term of service for the faculty members to bring continuity to the process and better align it with the way other university committees function.*

Description:

Current Wording:

----2. The Board of Student Media (VPAA/VPSL)

The purpose of the Board of Student Media shall be to set general policies for student publications (as outlined in the board's Constitution), to enforce the "Policy for Student Media of Washburn University," and to encourage effective student publications at Washburn University.

The board reports to the Faculty Senate. The Faculty Senate member of the Board will represent the board at Faculty Senate.

The board shall be responsible for safeguarding the editorial freedoms of student publications as outlined in the "Policy for Student Media of Washburn University;" for selecting the best qualified applicants for the positions of Review Editor, Kaw Editor, Business Manager and Ad Manager; for interviewing and hiring a production adviser; and for reviewing and accepting into record an annual budget submitted by the Business Manager of the two publications at the first fall meeting of the board.

Membership of the board shall consist of three members of the faculty of Washburn University and four students in good standing at the University. There must not be more than one faculty member from any one academic department, nor shall student members be either elected members of WSGA, be serving as an executive officer of that organization, or be on staff of student publications. The advisers, editors, business manager, and advertising manager of the Kaw and Review are ex officio members.

a. Faculty. The faculty members of this board will be appointed by the Vice President for Academic Affairs in consultation with the chair of the Department of Mass Media, and shall include: (1) a member of the faculty of Mass Media, (2) a member of the Faculty Senate, and (3) a third member of the faculty. There shall not be more than one faculty member for any one academic department.

b. Students. The four students will be appointed by the Vice President for Academic Affairs. The appointments will be made from a list of student applicants submitted to a review committee. The WSGA office and the Board of Student Media will advertise the positions and take applications on an all-campus basis. No more than two students will have the same major. The review committee will be the Associate Vice President for Student Life, Chairperson of the Board of Student Media, the Director of Student Media, and the WSGA president. The review committee will meet at the end of April of each academic year to review applicants for the following year and make their recommendations to the Vice President for Academic Affairs.

The chair of the board is elected by the members of the board.

Proposed Wording:

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The board shall be responsible for safeguarding the editorial freedoms of student publications as outlined in the "Policy for Student Media of Washburn University-;" **for selecting the best qualified applicants for the positions of Review Editor, Kaw Editor, Business Manager, and Ad Manager; for interviewing and hiring a production adviser; and for reviewing and accepting into record an annual budget submitted by the Business Manager of the two publications at the first fall meeting of the board.** ~~The Board shall approve the selection of executive staff members for Student Media, and for reviewing and accepting into record an annual budget submitted by Director of Student Media at the first fall meeting of the board. In addition, when needed, the Board shall be responsible for approving the selection of a Director of Student Media.~~

Membership of the board shall consist of three members of the faculty of Washburn University, **one community representative (preferably with a journalistic background)** and ~~four~~ **three** students in good standing at the University. There must not be more than one faculty member from any one academic department, **nor shall student members be either elected members of WSGA, be serving as an executive officer of that organization, or be on staff of student publications. The advisers, editors, business manager, and advertising manager of the Kaw and Review are ex officio members.** ~~Student members shall include one member of WSGA, one non executive staff member of Student Media and one student at large from any undergraduate or graduate program.~~

- a. Faculty. Two faculty members of this board will be appointed by the Vice President for Academic Affairs in consultation with the chair of the Department of Mass Media, ~~and shall include: (1) a member of the faculty of Mass Media, (2) a member of the Faculty Senate, and (3) a third member of the faculty. There shall not be more than one faculty member for any one academic department.~~ **A third member will be appointed by the Faculty Senate. All faculty members**

shall serve a term of two academic years, beginning in the fall semester, but may be **reappointed**. Should the VPAA not appoint faculty members by September 15 of each year, members of the Board may appoint faculty to fill those positions.

b. The community member of this board will be appointed by the Vice President for Academic Affairs in consultation with the chair of the Department of Mass Media.

~~b-~~ **c. Students. The ~~four~~ three students will be appointed by the Vice President for Academic Affairs, in consultation with the chair of the Department of Mass Media. The appointments will be made from a list of student applicants submitted to a review committee. The WSGA office and the Board of Student Media will advertise the positions and take applications on an all-campus basis. No more than two students will have the same major. The review committee will be the Associate Vice President for Student Life, Chairperson of the Board of Student Media, the Director of Student Media, and the WSGA president. The review committee will meet at the end of April of each academic year to review applicants for the following year and make their recommendations to the Vice President for Academic Affairs. At the beginning of each fall semester, the WSGA office and the Board of Student Media will advertise the positions and take applications on an all-campus basis. No more than two students will have the same major. All student members shall serve a one-year term, but may be reappointed.**

d. The chair of the board is elected by the members of the board.

e. Student editors and student managers will serve as non-voting members.

f. The Director of Student Media will serve as a non-voting member.

Financial Implications: *none*

Proposed Effective Date: *Fall 2018*

Request for Action: *Approval by FAC/FS/ Gen Fac, etc*

Approved by FAC: *04/02/2018*

Faculty Senate on April 16, 2018

Attachments Yes No NO