

**Washburn University
Meeting of the Faculty Senate
October 15, 2018
3:00 PM – Forum Room, BTAC**

Present:

Ball, Barker, Beatie, Byrne, Cook (Matthew), Cook (Sarah), Erby, Fredrickson, Grant (Emily), Grant (Erin), Jolicoeur, Jones, , Mazachek, Memmer, Menninger-Corder, Morse, Pierce, Prasch, Ricklefs, Sheldon, Smith, Steffen, Thor, Todwong, Tso, Wasserstein, Watson, Wilson,

Absent:

Hickman, Jackson, Krug, Mansfield, Menager, Wohl, Worsley

Guests:

Grospitch, Liedtke

- I. **Call to Order 3:03**
- II. **The minutes of the Faculty Senate meeting of September 17, 2018 were approved with an edit to the present roster.**
- III. **President's Opening Remarks:**
 - **Thank you to all who volunteered and is serving on committees.**
 - **Informal faculty senate lunch meeting the Friday after Fall Break for those interested.**
 - **Barker is on an email list of the Kansas Board of Regents Faculty Senate President committee where he viewed a proposal from KU and JCCC that the 60 credit hour requirement at a four year institution be removed. Instead, higher education should use 45 upper level credit hours as a requirement. Wichita state is not in favor. Mazachek noted there has been a discussion on this, but no decisions have been made at this time. Their reasoning is twofold. First, the 60 hours requirement is not competitive across the nation. Second, the rule is a major impediment to students completing their degrees. Details were discussed, but no decisions made.**
- IV. **Report from the Faculty Representative to the Board of Regents.**
 - **According to Barker, last month WUBOR approved the issuing and selling of bonds at a 3.68 percent interest rate for an amount slightly over 10 million dollars for indoor practice facility.**
 - **He also announced that the winter closing schedule will include Christmas Eve (December 24th) for official holiday.**
 - **The board also talked a bit about immersive classrooms and heard an information item regarding the Live On program.**

V. VPAA Update—Dr. JuliAnn Mazachek

- She and Ball met regarding details of the Freedom of Expression and Academic Freedom committee. Ball may make a presentation at a future FS meeting. Mazachek will share the details with executive staff, and will follow a process similar to the strategic plan. She hopes to complete the before the end of the academic year (next spring).
- She is putting together the Intellectual Property Committee to create a policy for Washburn. This has been attempted three times before without success, but is important to be completed. Fried (WU attorney) has been tasked with examining previous failed drafts, as well as policies from other universities. Once this has been completed, the committee will start a draft. Members will be selected by the end of the fall semester. Please reach out if you are interested in being part of this.
- The WUBOR will discussion the Strategic Plan again in November. There are to be no changes made to the plan, it is just the time for new work sessions. The Board will also discuss enrollment.
- Enrollment for the fall was down which means discussion regarding budget. This is happening (October 11), but there are no decisions made at this time. Mazachek stated that she will be transparent regarding details as soon as she can be. In the meantime, please keep any rumors at bay.

VI. Faculty Senate Committee Reports:

VII. University Committee Reports:

- The International Education /International WTE Committee minutes from August 29, 2018 were received
- The Library Committee Minutes from September 20, 2018 were received

VIII. Old Business

- 19-1 New Minor in CIS was presented by Barker. Explains that it is a new minor because the records cannot be found from when approved previously. This change puts them more in line with other minors. Barker would be willing to chat about it if needed. The motion was approved and will be passed on to Gen Fac for approval.
- 19-2 Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics was presented by Barker to be approved at the same time as 19-3. The motion was approved with 19-3 and will be passed on to Gen Fac for approval.
- 19-3 Bachelor of Science in Mathematics. The motion was approved with 19-2 and will be passed on to Gen Fac for approval.
- 19-4 Bachelor of Education in Physical Education was presented by Barker. The motion was approved and will be passed on to Gen Fac for approval.

- 19-5 Bachelor of CIS was presented by Barker to be approved at the same time as 19-6 and 19-7. The motion was approved with 19-6 and 19-7 and will be passed on to Gen Fac for approval.
- 19-6 Musical Theatre Concentration was presented by Barker. The motion was approved with 19-5 and 19-7 and will be passed on to Gen Fac for approval.
- 19-7 Bachelors in Computational Physics was presented by Barker. The motion was approved with 19-5 and 19-6 and will be passed on to Gen Fac for approval.
- 19-8 Proposed Inclusivity Statement was presented by Erby. Mazachek asked about the use of the statement? Erby explained that it may be included in relevant Washburn publications, most notably the master syllabus, perhaps the catalog and others as well. Mazachek explained that only faculty has seen this so far, and we all need to be able to take a look before it is used. Wasserstein suggested that if used elsewhere, there will need to be changes to the language regarding classes and professor interaction. Memmer, Morse, and Cloud discussed how changes could be made for the more widespread usage. Byrne voiced concern of the need to keep websites out due to accessibility issues and URLs changing. Erby clarified that the new website software will take care of such issues on its own. Smith (M) asked for definition of cognitive learning style and how it might affect our teaching. Wasserstein explained that students who have styles different than the way a professor teaches have many resources to reach out to for assistance; professors are not expected to change our styles. Erby and Jones mentioned upcoming CTET sessions covering this. Changes to the wording was done, the motion passed, and will be passed on the Gen Fac for approval.

IX. New Business: none

X. Information Items: none

XI. Discussion Items:

Barker brought up the issue of the timing of advanced registration. We have a much shorter time for advising, as the courses came out only last week and registration starts during fall break. Juniors and Seniors get to register on the Tuesday of fall break. By Friday it is open enrollment. Other issues include: students still needing to drop classes and midterms that are all happening right now. A number of faculty members also mentioned having issues with this as well. Morse stated that the most problematic thing is that we are interfering with fall break. Most faculty are not all going to be here when students need advising for this purpose, which is not very student centered. We need to give students better service by providing at least a week planning between fall break and the beginning of enrollment. Sheldon reached out to her advisees to let them know there is just one week to get this done. The students complained she reached out to them during midterms.

Barker agreed this is counterintuitive to retention and asked what the impact is by doing this so much earlier? According to Mazachek, research across the regent's schools and found that we were significantly behind from what other universities

are doing. Therefore we moved it up. In discussion with (Nancy) Tate, it was shared that the timing is the same as what we have done in past years, just fall break is different this year. Fall break is driven by the athletic schedule rather than academics. This year, we just had a case of poor planning. She stated that faculty comments are all well-grounded and understood. With no need to take the matter to Academic Affairs, Mazachek will take this forward.

Cook (S) asked for clarification on how athletics dictates the Fall Break. Mazachek stated that when there is an away game, we get Fall Break – this was a decision made when fall break was brought back years ago. Byrne suggested that it should be optimal for the academic calendar to be dictated by academics and not athletics. Cook (S) added that focus on the football team forgets a number of other sports schedules.

Morse suggested that this will affect the number of students in WU101 who have not enrolled. WU101 professors receive a list in November with all those who have not enrolled to encourage them to do so. Because enrollment is earlier, this list of students to reach out to will be much longer. Memmer added that we get our WU101 requests in September, but there is not a pin available, so we end up advising twice. Mazachek informed the senate of an academic planning platform will be prepared for students to use next fall. Students will create a plan that will work for their degree and the app will provide a pin if the plan works for them.

XII. Announcements

- **Wilson announced that the Library will be closed this weekend and over fall break for maintenance (including the Monday and Tuesday). Sheldon asked whether tutoring will still be available. Wilson stated that the tutoring center is always closed when students are not in class.**
- **Jones encouraged the senate to get students to send proposals to Aperion**
- **Cook (M) announced that while on break, they are hosting meetings on women in science for seventh graders.**

XIII. Adjournment 4:00