

Washburn University
Meeting of the Faculty Senate
September 13th, 2021 at 3pm
Zoom Meeting Hosted by FS Executive Committee

Present: Byrne, Daniels, Friesen, Griggs, Huff, Juma, Kay, Kendall-Morwick, Klaes, Kohls, Lockwood, Lolley, Moore, Morse, Noonan, Ricklefs, Rivera, Sainato, Schmidt C, Schmidt S, Smith D, Smith M, Thor, Wagner, Wang, Wasserstein, Woody, Wynn, Zwikstra

Absent: Ewert, Ginzburg, Johnson

Guest(s): DeSota J, Mazachek J, Barker R, Ball J, Burdick M, Grospitch E, Erby K, Toerber-Clark J, VanDalsem S, Maxwell A, Frank Z, Liedtke R, Burdick G, Chaffin C, McNamee B, Worsley M, Noller J, Cook S, Akins Q, McGraw J

- I. Call to Order at 3:03 pm by Kim Morse
- II. Approve minutes-
 - August 30th, 2021 (pages 2-7). Byrne moved to approve, Zwikstra seconded. Motion passed.
- III. President's Opening Remarks
 - Next meeting will be longer as FAC and AAC are starting back up, plus we will have a report about what is replacing Workplace (Marc Fried)
 - Service Equity Committee will be introduced next time.
 - Izzy's Update on the At Large election: we have 2 candidates for 2 seats. You can read their information on D2L and then vote in 2 weeks.
- IV. WUBOR/KBOR Update- Tonya Ricklefs
 - Time has shifted on one of the meetings so Tonya will be covering for Kim on some of these meetings due to teaching conflicts. KBOR is this week, as is WUBOR
- V. VPAA Update - Dr. JuliAnn Mazachek
 - There is a new committee (Learning Environment Committee) which is looking at classrooms which need to be updated (when and why), as well as virtual environments and technological needs for both in-person and virtual. J Ball is going to be heading this large group up (which will have sub-committees). The Capital Budget line will have an automatic amount dedicated to this to maintain the rooms (plus some money will come from other funds).

- VI. Consent Agenda
 - Faculty Senate Committee Reports-
 - None
 - University Committee Reports-
 - None
- VII. Old Business- None
- VIII. New Business-
 - Washburn University Voting Initiative DRAFT (page 8-9) – Sponsored by Executive Committee (on behalf of Chloe Chaffin and WSGA)
 - Trying to get a permanent early access Voting Box on campus for both students and the neighborhood (with help from Loud Light)
 - S Schmidt moves and Wynn seconds to substitute the original draft motion with the information on the correct form so that we can have a first reading.
 - Chloe – We are working to expand voting opportunities on campus (George Burdick is helping with this as well.) Using data from surveys, only 30% of registered voters on campus are voting. This is largely due to transportation issues or uncertainty as to where to vote. Putting polling places on campus would help resolve those issues. The group is currently gathering support from WSGA, Faculty Senate, and Staff Council to demonstrate that this is desired by the community. Can fill out a survey about dropboxes. (*insert link here*) The group is also going to ask Andrew Howell (voting commissioner) to make WU a more permanent voting site, hopefully would also be an early voting site.
 - Kim – Commissioner says WU has not demonstrated need for this dropbox at this time. Chloe – yes, plus there are other restrictions that have to be met which would work well at Washburn (good parking, ADA accessible, secure, etc.) Commissioner’s office would have added expense, so they don’t want to put a box here unless they believe it is worthwhile. The commissioner’s office would help choose where the box would be located if they decide one would go on campus.
 - S Schmidt – Have you met with administrators to see if this would have their support. C Chaffin – yes, we do have support based on conversations with with Dr. Grospitch and Jack Van Dam.
 - E. Grospitch – we will be a voting site going forward for day of the election, but we still need to keep working on getting the early voting options arranged.
 - Mark Smith – Would this only be early voting for the county, not the state. EG – Yes, I believe that is true, but we will have to check with the county.
 - S Schmidt moves and K Kendall-Morwick seconds that we close the first reading. Motion passes. Mark Smith stated that he will be voting NO when we actually vote on this motion, as he believes you

should only vote in person and wants to make it clear that not everyone agrees with advance voting.

IX. Information Items-

- Senators for KN/Ed are Ross Friesen and Park Lockwood, Michael Rettig is off Senate

X. Discussion Items-

- Changing Soda Machines (Plastic for Cans) – Kelly Thor
 - This was brought up right before the Pandemic hit, but it took a backseat to the Pandemic. We would like to switch to cans because they are more ecologically sound AND 70% of product was wasted. (The thought is that the students are not drinking the large volumes.) Students in Art department were willing to sign a sheet saying they would prefer aluminum cans, but would like to see if it can happen in other buildings across campus. Students were interested in Bubly Waters in cans. E Grospitch thinks maybe we need to talk to Janelle Rutherford since she is in charge of vending contracts. Machines do have to be switched out, and some of this will depend on the contract. This may also need to gain support from WSGA just to show students would be in support of this (across campus). K Morse – Can E Grospitch keep us posted on progress with WSGA/Janelle Rutherford.
- Published and Web Materials in Spanish – Kelly Thor
 - This would be very helpful with Diversity/Inclusion, given the fact that we have a large Hispanic community nearby. Miguel Gonzalez-Abellas has said that he could have the Modern Languages students help with translation of our materials on the web so that there can be more materials published in Spanish.
 - K Morse – This has been brought up with enrollment management and other areas of campus multiple times. There is a lack of traction on this.
 - K Thor – This would help increase enrollment of more 1st Gen Students, which would benefit them as well (getting more education).
 - P Byrnes – Why is there a lack of traction on it? K Morse – not sure why since it seems like it would be beneficial.... K Thor – Miguel's class has already done a little of this as requested by the community.
 - J Mazachek – I am happy to take this forward and bring it back. If you would like to create a resolution on this, that is fine as well. It seems like it would be a good option based on what we are hearing from our families.
 - K Morse – Multi-pronged approaches are better. J Mazachek, please take forward and K Thor please start working on language so

that we can move on this in resolution form in October (since Sept 27th Agenda is so stacked.)

- T Ricklefs – Many students in HALO would probably like to help with this project as well. (This was a comment from J Noller in chat). Perhaps Departments would want to work on this individually as well.
- K Thor – Don't want just departments, we need to be inclusive.
- K Morse – Don't want to overwhelm the one or two groups working on this if everyone goes to them at one time.
- J Mazachek – We would want a coordinated effort/process since we have limited human resources. Need to develop a plan/project with clear goals with what needs to be translated first (and the time factor). Once the first round of translations is done, then we would have a schedule to update the materials regularly.
- K Thor – Do we have dedicated staff person in Admissions (for Spanish speaking families).
- R Liedtke – Yes we do, plus we have a pamphlet that is already translated. You can also have webpages translated (but K Thor says you may need to be careful with this because of automatic/Google translation.) R Liedtke agrees, and thinks we may need some professional help, since volunteers may come up with very different translations.
- J Mazachek – These are good comments, so we need to be aware that it will take a bit to get it done since we have limited resources.
- K Morse – Still worth going forward, since it is a worthy idea.
Appreciate everyone who is involved in this conversation today.

XI. Announcements

- Tonya Ricklefs: Dr. Beth O'Neill is on WIBW tonight for her work on risk assessment with Topeka Police Dept.
- History Dept – Critical Race Theory is being presented on a Zoom Meeting on Tuesday September 21st. This will likely be part of legislative agenda, so it's good to be informed. This is to help educate people about CRT and what it does/doesn't mean.

XII. Adjournment

- Move to adjourn at 3:47 by S Schmidt, T Ricklefs seconds. Motion passes