

Washburn University  
Meeting of the Faculty Senate  
February 20, 2023 at 3pm  
Meeting in Forum Room Hosted by FS Executive Committee

Present: Barraclough, Cassell, Cook-Cunningham, Dahl, Florea, Friesen, Ginzburg, Grant, Holt, Huff, Juma, Kay, Kendall-Morwick, Kimberly, Lolley, McGuire, Modellmog, Noonan, Porta, Rivera, Rossi, Sainato, Schmidt, Scofield, Smith, Toerber-Clark, Wagner, Wang, Wasserstein, Zwickstra

Absent: Ewert, Sourgens

Guests: Stephenson L, Ball J, Leffingwell Q, Hanes S, Broxterman H, Luoma S, Lanning S, Grospitch E, Erby K, Morse K, Hutchinson L, Bailes J, Stacey S, Imperato M, Woody S

- I. Call to Order at 3:02 pm
- II. Approve minutes- Moved by Kendall-Morwick, seconded Wasserstein, motion passes.
  - February 6, 2023 (pages 2-7)
- III. President's Opening Remarks
  - Introductions of people who have not attended Faculty Senate this year (several librarians)
  - 235 people came to campus for Boy Scouts of America Merit Badge Day. We all need to be working on these types of events to increase community engagement/recruitment. (If you are interested in helping next year, then please let Shaun know. The date is February 17th, 2024.)
  - Gen Ed Update: Zwickstra – KBOR recently passed system-wide Gen Ed changes. Washburn is currently trying to decide if we adopt and what form the institutional hours and English hours will take. We had input sessions over the fall. Many faculty are behind a Diversity and Inclusion and Scientific Literacy course of some kind. This is very important for the College since most general education courses are in the College. Current draft should have been sent out by AAC members to gather feedback before our next meeting. Hope to have a General Faculty vote this April. Will have Melanie Burdick from English talk to AAC next time. We won't have all details, but more input is better. (Wagner: if you haven't seen the draft, then please check with your AAC rep. AAC reps raised their hands.)
  - Washington Consulting group will be here March 1<sup>st</sup> 11:30-1. Faculty Senate Executive Committee will have some learning objectives for that meeting to make sure this is beneficial. Those who have not RSVP'd need to let Tracy Wagner know by end of today. Have to decide how we will run the meeting/if we want minutes taken. May run as Committee of the Whole, so minutes will be taken but no specific actions taken. Any strong feelings...

- IV. WUBOR/KBOR Update- Shaun Schmidt/Erin Grant - None
  - KBOR
  - WUBOR
- V. VPAA Update - Dr. Laura Stephenson
  - Gary Forbach (retired) and Mary Menninger-Corder (current faculty) passed away this weekend. Please keep their families, colleagues, etc in your thoughts. Keep in mind how much impact we all have on so many lives.
  - Calling Snow Days – did a delay, but lost sight of the fact that was a Thursday and so classes don't start on the hour. Would like your input –
    - Maybe have the ability of classes to make a call. (Schmidt and Wagner: Labs may be an issue since they meet once per week and missing one section could impact all the others during the week, but might need the full time to run a lab. Lolley: In terms of clinicals, it was nice not to have students driving on the roads when it was icy. Kendall-Morwick and Wasserstein: Tough since Topeka Public Schools (TPS) being closed but we weren't, so people don't have child care. Would be nice if we could have more synchronization. WUTech was closed since half of their students are from 501. Kendall-Morwick: would it make sense to have a hybrid day? Moddelmog: liked that students weren't driving when icy. Wasserstein: the starting time happening in the middle of a block of classes, may create additional hazards. Stephenson: weather and accuracy is very unreliable. (original forecast had no ice). Lolley: do appreciate that notification of closing came early. Cassell: may not make sense for everyone to line up just with TPS, but also we should have some common sense. Maybe just remind faculty to have common sense. Kendall-Morwick: it would be good for campus to be walkable (safely). Stephenson: appreciate your comments, will take those into consideration.
    - Basic Needs survey is going to be delayed. Not quite ready now and will get a better response from students in the fall. Please make sure you do the other two.
    - Kick-off for Back to Basics on Banner to make it more consistent across campus. This is a big project. Great turnout at workshops. Everyone learned something about how we can improve our services.
    - Legislature's request for how much we spend on DEI and Critical Race Theory. We are coordinating with KBOR schools on our answers. Don't know what the Legislature hoped to get from it or what they will do with it. Tried to be transparent. We have been asked in the past about CRT and courses that use it and nothing happened. Hope that is the case again.
    - Met with WSGA folks and they appreciate your efforts to make Success Week Successful. Faculty were more aware of policy and students were less stressed.

- Gen Fac meeting next week (Wed 3:30 Henderson 100).
  - McGuire – Do we still have a lobbyist (John Pinegar) and did he have anything to say about the legislative input?
- VI. Consent Agenda – Move to accept by Wasserstein, seconded by Scofield, motion approved.
- Faculty Senate Committee Reports-
    - AAC Minutes (pgs 8-9)
  - University Committee Reports- none
- VII. Old Business-
- 22-4 Faculty Senate Constitution Amended (pgs 10-33) Moved by Ginzburg, seconded by Lolley to accept amendments to constitution.
    - Ginzburg moves to add section E in place of section D – Amendment to have seat for Librarians (Law and Mabee libraries). There was an assumption that Law Librarians fall under Law Faculty, but they are members of University Faculty (although still have most work at Law School). Want to make sure Law Librarians have a separate seat from Law School Faculty since they don't vote in a block with the Law Faculty. Motion Passes
    - Holt moves, seconded by Juma that University librarians maintain a specific seat (separate from University Faculty). Motion to approve 2C (and then other things later – part D, part F, under committees would be University Faculty or Librarian will serve, AAC would be Librarian (since it's making sure the libraries can support academic prog), FAC would remain University Faculty. Morse: by definition, University Librarians will be picking up more service, so you will have to be on more committees. We want to make sure that is OK. ("Yes" nods by Library Faculty). Wasserstein – In favor of this, but it's worth thinking about how this will affect future groups being represented. Motion passes.
    - Wasserstein moves that all electoral units have at least one senator (so University Wide faculty would have at least one rep). Jody Toerber-Clark seconds. – affects sections in Part D. Motion Passes.
  - All in favor of approving Constitution – Motion passes.
    - Stephenson points out that Institutional Research is technically Strategic Analysis, Research and Reporting (SARS).
  - 23-8 Emeritus Titles (pg 34)
    - Move to approve by McGuire, seconded by Lolley. Rossi: Looking at being able to tack on Emeritus to the highest standing role (ie there is no Official "President" Emeritus. Motion passes. (Will not need to go to Gen Faculty.)
- VIII. New Business- None
- IX. Information Items-
- X. Discussion Items-
- XI. Announcements

- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Climate Survey opened Feb 13<sup>th</sup>. – Erby You should have gotten an email from Hanover and please encourage students to take it. First 500 students will get \$5 reward and after that they are entered into a drawing.
- Noonan: There is a student production of *Tick Tick Boom!*
- 2022 Yearbook is now on campus

XII. Adjournment –at 3:49 pm. Grant moves, Kendall-Morwick seconds, motion passes.