

**Washburn University
General Faculty Minutes
February 26, 2020**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Farley called the meeting to order at 3:33 PM in the Convocation Hall of the Bradbury-Thompson Alumni Center.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the May 1, 2019 General Faculty meeting. The minutes were approved unanimously.

III. ELECTION OF SECRETARY

Nominations were opened for the position of General Faculty Secretary. Dr. Erin Grant was nominated and elected unanimously. Matt Arterburn continued taking minutes for this meeting and Erin assumed secretarial responsibilities thereafter.

IV. OPENING REMARKS

A. From the President

1. President Farley discussed the Campus Climate Survey and reported a 50% faculty response rate, 30% student response rate. Hopefully this will provide valuable information that will help guide efforts in the future. A summary report will be provided soon.
2. President Farley discussed the coronavirus outbreak and an anticipated spread through the United States. WU has established plans for dealing with disease outbreaks (based on a mumps outbreak in a previous year) but there will nonetheless be challenges faced. A new committee has been formed to address the specific concerns and procedures needed to achieve full preparation for a possible outbreak.
3. President Farley discussed the new exhibit in the Mulvane Museum: 75 portraits of African American women. He recommend all faculty to visit this exhibit, which is part of the Spring 2020 WUmester. The exhibit has already seen more than 800 visitors.

B. From the Vice President for Academic Affairs

1. Dr. Mazachek discussed the new Fundamental Math Program. Matt Arterburn gave a summary of the efforts and results of the pilot semester of this new method of math instruction.
2. Dr. Mazachek invited Rick Barker to share about developments in the KBOR Faculty Senate Council. Rick shared Freedom of Expression efforts/policies, the effort to increase the use of Open Educational Resources at campuses, and discussions about Shared Governance in the KBOR institutions. KBOR is looking at low-enrolled/low-graduate programs and calling for elimination without consulting faculty governance. This was met by concern from the KBOR institution presidents who pointed out that shared governance must be observed.

3. Dr. Mazachek invited Shaun Schmidt to discuss the Faculty Senate Constitution Task Force. This group is working to clarify elements of the constitution and bring it into closer alignment with practice. This involves a lot of questions about whether current practices are working most effectively.

V. NEW BUSINESS

REQUIRING BOARD OF REGENTS APPROVAL

A. 20-2. New Program: BEd, English Secondary Education

Item was moved to approve, seconded and passed with no votes against.

B. 20-4. New Program: BEd, History Secondary Education

Item was moved to approve, seconded and passed with no votes against.

C. 20-5. New Program: Technology Administration Minor

Item was moved to approve, seconded and passed with no votes against.

REQUIRING GENERAL FACULTY APPROVAL ONLY

A. 20-3. Changes to Success Week Policy

Item was moved to approve, seconded and passed with no votes against.

B. 20-6. Change in WTE Governance

Item was moved to approve, seconded and passed with no votes against.

INFORMATION ITEMS

A. 20-1. Change to WTE Community Service

B. 20-8. Admissions Criteria for Freshmen

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Dr. Prasch announced Historical Movie Night.
- Dr. Sullivan (ML) announced Apeiron and encouraged student registrations.
- Dr. Erby announced the Lincoln-Harmon lecture.
- Lauren Edelman announced Leadership Challenge.
- Dr. Sullivan (TH) announced Whats in Your Closet fashion show fundraiser.
- Dr. Thor announced Art Dept trip to Chicago artwalk.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:04 PM.