

**Washburn University
General Faculty Minutes
May 1, 2019**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Farley called the meeting to order at 3:36 PM in Room 100 of the Henderson Learning Resources Center and addressed the faculty about the tragic loss of a Washburn student that has recently impacted the campus.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2019 General Faculty meeting. The minutes were approved unanimously.

III. OPENING REMARKS

A. From the President

1. President Farley discussed the legislature's approval of restored funding for higher education, in a total amount of \$33 million. Washburn's share of this isn't large, but every bit of improved funding helps. Plans are underway to implement a salary program that will be funded from our budget and approved by the board. An expected decrease in tuition revenue (due to graduation projections exceeding enrollment projections) is already accounted for in the new budget and so should not be an obstacle to improving salaries.
2. President Farley discussed WU Tech East; it is nearly complete and will be ready for summer and fall classes. Spring courses have been offered in a temporary building adjacent to the site.
3. President Farley discussed enrollment. About 20 students from Nepal are currently studying at Nepal. A further 50 were expected to enroll but only 17 were provided with visas. This contributed to the enrollment shortfall this past year. We are pursuing an additional 54 Nepalese students and are more aggressively trying to enable the visa acquisition process.

B. From the Vice President for Academic Affairs

1. Dr. Mazachek further discussed the campus reaction to the shooting tragedy and thanked faculty for working to help students in the wake of the incident.
2. Dr. Mazachek thanked faculty for their contributions to the HLC site visit and the successful outcome. WU has received the draft of their report and submitted minor edits. The review of the initial draft indicated that WU passed all criteria with no major issues.
3. Dr. Mazachek recognized Nancy Tate's 15 years of contribution to the VPAA office and her leadership roles prior to that.

4. Dr. Mazachek discussed the upcoming graduation ceremony and encouraged faculty to participate and support our students.
5. Dr. Mazachek discussed the new Title III grant focused on student support, particularly those students facing the greatest academic challenges. A major focus of the grant is the changes to the mathematics program and the funds will help support new personnel for that endeavor. Dr. Mazachek highlighted the need to improve our grant process when collaborations are involved on a grant, specifically thanking Dr. Sarah Cook and Dr. Janet Sharp who helped review and improve the grant.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

REQUIRING BOARD OF REGENTS APPROVAL

The following items were presented; each was moved to approved and seconded. All items were approved unanimously by a verbal vote.

- 19-11. New Program: BEd, Biology Secondary Education**
- 19-12. New Program: Bachelor of Musical Arts**
- 19-13. New Program: Game Design Minor**
- 19-14. New Program: BEd, Math Secondary Education**
- 19-15. New Program: BS, Forensic Biology**

INFORMATION ITEMS

The following were presented as information items.

- 19-9. Modifications for Tech Administration**
- 19-10. Adoption of New School of Business Correlates**

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Eric Gropitch discussed the phone system that is a useful resource for connecting with students in many situations, not just emergencies. Also announced that Joel Bluml successfully defended his dissertation yesterday.

Rick Barker reminded everyone to vote for the at-large faculty senate positions.

Tom Prasch reminded faculty of an upcoming forum on Brexit.

Kelly Erby thanked faculty who contributed to WUmester. Next year's topic will be Suffrage and Citizenship.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:04 PM.