

**Washburn University**  
**General Faculty Minutes**  
**February 10, 2022**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Farley called the meeting to order at 3:30 via Zoom.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2021 General Faculty Meeting. The minutes were approved.

**III. REMARKS**

**From the President**

- President Farley discussed the projected higher education budget in Kansas which includes an increase over the current year's budget of 1.5 million dollars. The purpose of the funds has yet to be specified. This may come with the stipulation no tuition increase. Without an increase in tuition, the proposed five percent salary increase will not be feasible.
- There has been an elimination of sales tax for food and food ingredients / groceries; we are working to be unaffected by this statute.
- There has been a request from the House Education Committee for information regarding students, program costs, the most profitable programs, general operations, and other such details.
- There are changes to mask mandates across the U.S. regarding mask mandates for K-12 and businesses. There are no plans in Kansas or at WU for changing what we are doing. There is possibility for pushback; we will be working with the local health department for guidance.
- There is current and will be further construction on campus. Things are going well overall. In December, the board passed a 35-million-dollar project to update Henderson. We have also received a ten-million-dollar donation from a private donor, which is meant to be spent on a recital hall. There are other buildings on campus to be moved to West campus (by the Villages).
- Michelle White-Godinet, the new Equal Opportunity Director/Title IX Coordinator, was introduced.
- Luther Lee, the new Vice President of Administration and Treasurer, was introduced.

### **From the Vice President for Academic Affairs**

- Dr. Mazachek expressed her continued gratitude for the outstanding work being done on campus.

### **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

None

### **V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Dr. Morse shared details regarding the Service-Equity Ad Hoc Committee, including mission and members. The group is tasked with creating a list of all committees on campus to provide a better understanding of equity in service among educators and staff. This information is meant to provide recommendations to Faculty Affairs and Faculty Senate regarding transparency and ensuring that those on campus have venues in which they may have their voice heard. Supporting documents were shared via the share option on Zoom.
  - 22-2 Formation of Service-Equity Ad Hoc Committee of Faculty Senate
  - List of committee members
- Dr. Grospitch announced that the campus mental health counseling waitlist has been cleared; there is still access to phone counselors as well.
- There is a track meeting on campus this weekend (Barker)

### **VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 pm.