

Washburn University
General Faculty Minutes
April 21, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Farley called the meeting to order at 3:33 via Zoom.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made (Barker) and seconded (Gonzalez-Abellas) to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2022 General Faculty Meeting. The minutes were approved.

III. REMARKS

From the President

- Thanks for the kind words after the retirement announcement. There will be a search facilitated by WUBOR for a replacement. There is a very specific process that will be followed, including the appointment of a search committee. The intention is to have this completed as quickly as possible.
- The interim VPAA has been chosen, Laura Stephenson. She will be working with Mazachek to make the transition smooth.
- The Kansas Legislature and Governor have signed the education funding bill for next year. There is still the potential for a salary program. Not quite sure what that means yet, but asking WUBOR for five percent.
- Washburn has received three quarters of a million dollars for demolition on campus next year.
- Fair well to Mazachek; glad to have been able to help her move up the leadership ladder. She will be missed, we will have a hard time finding someone to do this job on a permanent basis. Stephenson will be interim only.

From the Vice President for Academic Affairs

- Come and see her at the retirement ceremony in May so she can see everyone's faces.
- Floor to Stephenson regarding interim position
 - Honored to serve as interim VPAA; great leaders bring other great people into leadership roles. Will be working with a solid foundation at WU. There are huge shoes to fill. She will complete interim and then end her time at the university.
- Floor to Ball regarding the KBOR statewide general education plan

- A group of registrars and advisors convened to move this forward has finished their draft and sent back to committee for a vote. The draft is more restricted than our general education requirements.
- Not sure when the vote will take place, though the goal is by the end of the semester. There is an upcoming meeting during which there will likely be some discussion. Nothing will be implemented before next fall.
- Mazachek added that with the number of associate degree programs we have on campus there will likely be some hurdles to cross as the changes take place.
- Floor to Dempsey-Swopes
 - October 6 and 7 Tilford Conference at Washburn.
 - The call for presentations is on the [website](#).

IV. NEW BUSINESS

22-7 Deletion of Associate of Arts (A.A.) in Early Childhood Education

- Barker moved to approve, Cook as second. The motion to delete the AA passed.

22-8 Deletion of Bachelor of Fine Arts, Art, Ceramics, and Sculpture concentration

22-9 Deletion of Bachelor of Fine Arts, Art, Graphic Design, and Electronic Art concentration

22-10 Deletion of Bachelor of Fine Art, Painting and Drawing concentration

22-11 Deletion of Bachelor of Fine Arts, Photography concentration

22-12 Deletion of Bachelor of Fine Arts, Printmaking Concentration

- Barker moved to approve 22-8 through 22-12 together, Cook as second. The motion to delete the Bachelor programs passed.

22-13 Creation of Bachelor of Fine Arts in Studio Art

- Barker moved to approve, Gonzalez-Abellas seconded. The motion to create the Bachelor program passed.

22-14 Deletion of the Minor in Fitness program

- Barker moved to approve, Altus as second. The motion to delete the minor passed.

Mazachek noted that these will go forward for approval. The creations will go before the deletions as sometimes that is what is required to ensure the deletions can take place.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- From Morse
 - Burdick wanted a reminder regarding the April 28 celebration of teaching in person for the first time in a couple years. Thanks to Burdick for her service as CTEL director.
 - Elections for the two at-large Faculty Senate positions will take place April 25 – 28th. All the bios are up on D2L.
 - Appreciation for Mazachek
- Apeiron starts tomorrow with events all day (Sullivan, C.)
- Wagner won the service award KS math conference
- COVID vaccinations and tests are still offered at the health center on campus. Those 50+ are recommended a fourth shot. (Grospitch)
- SAS faculty after hours tomorrow night (Frank)

VI. ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.