Faculty Senate
Washburn University

Minutes of May 8, 2006 Meeting
Kansas Room, Memorial Union

Present: Bahner, Baker, Bayens, Borden, Boyd, Camarda, Carpenter, Cassell, Chorba, Dinkel, Dunlap (visitor), Elisha, A. Evans, Jackson, Jacobs (President), Kellogg, Lockwood, Martin, Nobo, Ockree, Palmer, Patzel, Pownell, Prasch, Ray, Renn-Scanlan, Roach, Russell, C. Schmidt, S. Schmidt, Shipley, L. Smith, C. Sullivan, Walker, Wasserstein, Wohl (visitor)

I.   The meeting of the Faculty Senate was called to order at 3:30 PM.

II. The minutes of the April 10th, 2006 Faculty Senate meeting were approved.

III. President's Opening Remarks.
   A. The President announced that the Research (including the Major Research Grants sub-committee) and Curriculum Development committees are faculty committees and will be reporting to the Faculty Senate (FS).
   B. VPAA Wasserstein agreed to create a website that will list all of the University Committees, the type of committee it is, and to whom they should report.
   C. It was noted that the Graduate Committee does not meet regularly, is not clearly identified in documents, and elections are not being held. Those in attendance agreed that these issues should be considered by the FS Executive Committee, who will then report the FS.
   D. The recommendation that the current make-up and method of selection for the University Promotion and Tenure Standards Committee be retained, with a provision for adding a Faculty Senator if needed, and with the VPAA remaining chair of the committee, was approved.

IV. Report from the Faculty Representatives to the Board of Regents.
   A. President Jacobs reported that the Budget and Finance committee approved the recommendation for a 5.5% salary increase in performance pool for faculty and a 6.71% tuition increase ($11 per credit hour).

V.   Faculty Senate Committee Reports.
   A. The minutes of the Faculty Affairs Committee (FAC) of 04/17/2006 were accepted.

VI. University Committee Minutes.
   A. The minutes of the International Education Committee meeting of March 30th, 2006 were accepted.
   B. Roy Wohl reported on the status of the Faculty Wellness Program. Aside from presenting a review of the approved program, it was noted that they are presently seeking to fill the position of Coordinator. He also noted that proposed wellness program is totally voluntary and involves no coercion.
   C. The report from the IRB was accepted.

VII. Old Business.
     A. The motion to refer the Cost of Living Pay Increase (06-06) back to the Faculty Affairs
        Committee of the FS for additional consideration and elaboration for specifics (e.g.,
        definition of "cost of living") was approved.

VIII.. New Business.
     A. Approval was given to the adoption of a Dual JD/MSW Degree Program (06-07).
     B. An orientation was held for the newly elected Faculty Senators. The new senators were
        asked to suggest a FS committee assignment.
     C. Election of new Faculty Senate Officers was held. The results are as follows:
        i. President – Russ Jacobs
        ii. Vice President – Richard Martin
        iii. Secretary – Mike Russell
        iv. Parliamentarian – Andrew Evans
     D. Election of new Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC) was held. In addition to the
        President and Secretary of the FS and VPAA Wasserstein, the FSEC will also include
        Kanalis Ockree (School of Business) and Shirley Dinkel (School of Nursing). A
        representative from the Law School still needs to be determined.

IX. Discussion Items.
     A. It was requested that the FSEC should assess the process and procedures of the FS and
        suggest revisions to the Constitution, if need be.

X. Announcements.
     A. Jorge Nobo urged the Senators to complete and submit the General Education survey.
        The Senators were also urged to prompt their constituents as well.
     B. Those in attendance agreed that 3:30 PM on the second and fourth Monday of each month
        is acceptable for general meetings of the Faculty Senate.

XI. The meeting was adjourned at 4:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Mike Russell, Secretary to the Faculty Senate