

Faculty Senate
Washburn University

Minutes of February 12, 2007 Meeting
Kansas Room, Memorial Union

Present: Baker, Bayens, Boyd, Camarda, Dinkel, Elisha, Godman, Jacobs (President), Jackson, Lalonde (visitor), Liang, Lockwood, Manske, Martin, Meador, Nobo, Ockree, Palmer, Patzel, Pownell, Prasch, Ray, Renn-Scanlan, Roach, Russell, C. Schmidt, S. Schmidt, Shipley, L. Smith, C. Sullivan, S. Sullivan, Tate (VPAA proxy), Walker

- I. The meeting of the Faculty Senate was called to order at 3:33 PM.
- II. The minutes of the January 22nd, 2007 Faculty Senate meeting were approved.
- III. President's Opening Remarks.
 - A. President Jacobs reported that he has been selected as the Faculty Senate representative on the VPAA search committee.
 - B. President Jacobs inquired as to whether the proposal for the "Consolidation of planning documents (07-01)" should be treated as New Business, thereby requiring two readings, or as an information item, requiring only a single reading, as requested by the VPAA. Those in attendance supported the notion that the proposal be treated as New Business.
 - C. A communication from the Faculty Senate representatives from the School of Business asked President Jacobs to raise three issues:
 - i. Whether it was possible for faculty to have greater insight and participation into the allocation of technological resources. Nancy Tate reported that a new system involving technological requests has recently been implemented and that the glitches are still being worked out. Tate also stated that she will determine whether greater faculty participation in the process is possible.
 - ii. Whether it was possible to provide electronic versions of grades to faculty, which can be uploaded into an Excel spreadsheet that would allow for data analysis. Donna Lalonde reported that a pilot group is presently exploring the use of an electronic grading book that may remedy this problem. It was also reported that ITS is willing to send to faculty an electronic copy of the results of scanned exams.
 - iii. It has been rumored that overhead projectors will not be replaced when they wear out. Nancy Tate stated she will look into this.
- IV. Report from the Faculty Representatives to the Board of Regents.
 - A. At the January 26, 2007 meeting of the Board of Regents, the Board approved a 4% increase in the salary pool, based on the same tiers and guidelines used in the last few years. The Board further approved all six academic sabbatical applications for the 2007 – 2008 academic year, the appointment of Mr. Thomas Romig as the Dean of the Washburn University School of Law, and design development for the renovation of Whiting Field House as the site for the University Athletic Strength and Conditioning Facilities.

- V. Faculty Senate Committee Reports.
 - A. The minutes of the Faculty Affairs Committee of 01/19/2007 were approved.

- VI. University Committee Minutes.
 - A. The minutes of the Board of Student Publications meetings of 09/08/2006, 10/13/2006, and 11/10/2006 were accepted.

- VII. Old Business. There was no Old Business.

- VIII. New Business.
 - A. Brief discussion was given to the Consolidation of planning documents proposal (07-01). A small number of wording changes were made to the document. Nancy Tate will make the corrections and resubmit the proposal for a second reading. The motion to close the first reading was approved.

- IX. Discussion Items.
 - A. Concerns were voiced about the decisions being made by ISS. More specifically, it was suggested that some of the actions of ISS were insensitive to the needs of the faculty. It was requested that others who have additional concerns should make them known.

- X. The meeting was adjourned at 4:24 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Mike Russell, Secretary to the Faculty Senate