

**Faculty Senate
Washburn University**

*Minutes of February 11, 2008 Meeting
Kansas Room, Memorial Union*

Present: Bayens, Bowen (VPAA), Boyd, Camarda, Chorba, Croucher, Dinkel, Dunlap (visitor), Ginzburg, Hornberger (visitor), Jackson, Jacobs (President), Lockwood, Lunte, Martin, Munzer, Ockree, Patzel, Petersen (visitor), Pownell, Prasch, Ramirez, Renn-Scanlan, Roach, Russell, S. Schmidt, Sharafy, Shipley, S. Sullivan, Walker

- I. The meeting of the Faculty Senate was called to order at 3:30 PM.
- II. The minutes of the December 10th, 2007 Faculty Senate meeting were approved.
- III. President's Opening Remarks.
 - A. It was noted that the Electoral Committee will begin preparations for this semester's Faculty Senate elections.
 - B. President Jacobs spoke with VPAA Bowen and determined that each student will only receive funding for one WTE project, even though they are free and welcome to do more than one WTE.
 - C. President Jacobs noted that the Faculty Senate recommendation for tuition reduction for adjuncts was forwarded to President Farley for his consideration.
 - D. The opinions of the faculty as well as Faculty Senators on the proposed Risk Management policies were also forwarded to President Farley.
 - E. President Jacobs spoke briefly about the recent changes to the Academic Affairs Committee (AAC) membership. He noted that there was a paragraph describing the AAC membership in the version of the Faculty Senate Constitution approved by the Board of Regents and the General Faculty. However, President Jacobs also noted that the version of the Faculty Senate constitution that was online and that was the only version available did not contain that paragraph. Given that a description of the AAC membership was lacking, the newly formed Faculty Senate approved a membership that was identical to that of the Faculty Affairs Committee (FAC). President Jacobs stated he accepts full responsibility for the oversight and he assured those present that the change in AAC membership was not done with any malicious intent.
- IV. Report from the Faculty Representatives to the Board of Regents.
 - A. The Board of Regents met on January 25, 2008 and approved a 4% increase in salary pool for the 2008-2009 fiscal year.
 - B. The Board of Regents also approved an enrollment management contract to a firm whose purpose will be to identify problem areas and weakness in an attempt to increase student enrollment.
- V. Faculty Senate Committee Reports.
 - A. The minutes of the Academic Affairs Committee meetings of 11/19/2007 were accepted.

- VI. University Committee Minutes.
 - A. The minutes of the International Education Committee meeting of 12/13/2007 were accepted.
- VII. Old Business. There was no old business.
- VIII. New Business. There was no new business.
- IX. Information Items.
 - A. It was reported that the faculty parking problem over at Stoffer Hall is due to the fact that the parking signs indicating faculty only parking were removed due to the recent renovations and not reinstalled. Attempts are being made to have the signs re-installed.
 - B. It was noted that while Washburn University does not have an Academic Technology Committee, there is faculty representation on the Technology Steering Committee. However, a number of faculty feel as if their input is either limited or ignored and, thus, the academic needs of faculty are unmet. It also appears that the advice and recommendations of faculty is not being translated into policy.
- X. Discussion Items.
 - A. Discussion was given to the recently approved changes to the membership of the AAC. Dan Petersen reported that it was the desire of the creators of the Faculty Senate Constitution that the AAC would be composed of one individual from each of the major academic units so that no one unit would have more votes than any other unit. Lengthy discussion was given on how to proceed from this point. Shirley Dinkel, Dan Petersen, and Kanalis Ockree agreed to form a committee that will present a formal proposal to the Faculty Senate in the near future.
- XI. The meeting was adjourned at 4:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Mike Russell, Secretary to the Faculty Senate