

**Faculty Senate
Washburn University**

*Minutes of December 10, 2007 Meeting
Kansas Room, Memorial Union*

Present: Baker, Bowen (VPAA), Boyd, Camarda, Chorba, Cook, Croucher, DePue, Dinkel, Jacobs (President), Lockwood, Martin, Munzer, Nobo, Ockree, Patzel, Peterson, Prash, Ray, Roach, Russell, S. Schmidt, Shipley, C. Sullivan

- I. The meeting of the Faculty Senate was called to order at 3:33 PM.
- II. The minutes of the November 26th, 2007 Faculty Senate meeting were approved.
- III. President's Opening Remarks.
 - A. President Jacobs announced that he is recovering from his surgery and that he will be returning to work full-time in the Spring 2008 semester. He conveyed his gratitude to all those who called, sent cards, and/or visited him during his recovery.
- IV. Report from the Faculty Representatives to the Board of Regents.
 - A. There has been no Board of Regents meeting since the last Faculty Senate meeting.
- V. Faculty Senate Committee Reports.
 - A. The minutes of the Academic Affairs Committee meetings of 10/29/2007 were accepted.
 - B. The minutes of the Faculty Affairs Committee meeting of 11/19/2007 were accepted.
- VI. University Committee Minutes.
 - A. The minutes of the International Education Committee meeting of 11/15/2007 were accepted.
- VII. Old Business.
 - A. A motion was made and seconded to approve the action item from the Faculty Affairs Committee entitled, "Cost reduction for adjunct instructors taking classes at Washburn University" (07-11). The motion to attach the phrase " , pursuant to applicable University procedures for faculty" at the end of the recommendation statement was seconded and approved. The action item was approved as amended.
 - B. The motion to approve the action item entitled, "Administrative responsibility for the Washburn Transformational Experience" (07-08) was seconded and approved.
- VIII. New Business. There was no new business.
- IX. Information Items.
 - A. It was noted that the "Women's Studies" minor has been renamed the "Women's and Gender Studies" minor.

- B. The events of the second meeting of the WTE Compensation committee were reported. Two of the four Deans (School of Nursing and School of Business) presented their thoughts involving WTE compensation and the staffing needs for supervising WTE projects. A vote was taken to determine the amount of monetary compensation to be awarded for supervising WTE projects. The amount was supported by the majority of those in attendance with the stipulation that the amount agreed upon would only be applicable for compensation awarded at the end of the Fall 2007 semester.
 - C. Brenda Patzel announced that the form of the sabbatical applications has been modified for the sake of clarity. No changes were made to the policy.
 - D. Discussion was given to the drafts of the risk management policies involving Drug & Alcohol Testing, Children in the Workplace, University Driving, and Criminal Regulations and Procedures. Those in attendance agreed to send their comments, as well the comments of their colleagues, to Mike Russell so that he and President Jacobs could create a coherent response form the Faculty Senate. Comments should be sent to Mike Russell no later than January 15th, 2008. Those in attendance are also welcome to send their comments directly to President Farley.
- X. Discussion Items.
- A. A faculty member requested that a listserv be made available to all Washburn University faculty who desire to express any issues they are concerned about. Bill Roach stated that such a listserv is already in existence and that he will contact all faculty about the listserv at the beginning of the Spring 2008 semester.
- XI. The meeting was adjourned at 4:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Mike Russell, Secretary to the Faculty Senate