

**Faculty Senate
Washburn University**

*Minutes of April 13, 2009
Kansas Room, Memorial Union*

Present: Arterburn, Berry, Bowen (VPAA), Byrne, Camarda, Concannon, Croucher, Duncan, Gizburg, Jackson, Jacobs, Kaufman, Kerchner, Khan, Lockwood, Lunte, Manske, McGuire, Melick, Naylor, Patzel, Porta, Prash (President), Ray, Routsong, Russell, C. Schmidt, S. Schmidt, Sharafy, Shipley, Sullivan, Unruh, Walker, Wynn

- I. The meeting of the Faculty Senate was called to order at 3:31 PM.
- II. The minutes of the Faculty Senate meeting of March 23, 2009 were approved as amended.
- III. President's Opening Remarks.
 - A. Prash announced that the Senate would begin with the vote of no confidence motion.
 - B. Prash asked that senators speak to their constituencies about serving on the Strategic Planning Committee being organized by VPAA Bowen. He explained that any full-time faculty member at the university could serve on the committee as long as that individual could attend summer meetings. He added that the committee members would not receive any compensation and asked that senators send their nominations to Courtney Sullivan. Prash said that the Senate would be asked to vote on their top three choices by email and that the Executive Committee would tally the vote.
 - C. Prash told the Senate that the Academic Affairs Committee still needed to be constituted and that he was looking into how many SON members should actually serve on the committee. He announced that as it stands, Patzel and Unruh are the SON representatives. He asked for volunteers from the various schools to serve on the AAC. The newly constituted AAC now consists of the following members:
 - SAS: Berry and Khan.
 - Library: Melick
 - SOB: Byrne and Kerchner
 - CAS: Ray and Sharafy
 - SON: Patzel and Unruh
- IV. Report from the Faculty Representatives to the Board of Regents.
 - A. The President reported that the BOR had not met since the last Senate meeting.
- V. Faculty Senate Committee Reports.
 - A. Russ Jacobs, Chair of the Electoral Committee, reported that the At-large election was a success with a record number of votes: 153 (151 of which were valid). Reinhild Janzen won the At-Large position.
- VI. University Committee Minutes.
 - A. The Addendum to the Curriculum Development Grant Committee minutes of Oct. 21, 2008 was accepted.
 - B. Minutes from the Faculty Grants Committee of March 4, 2009 were accepted.
- VII. Old Business.

A. Prasch stated that the language of Transfer of International Baccalaureate Coursework (Action Item 09-07) was incorrect and that the Senate would take up the matter at the next meeting.

B. Vote of no confidence in Mike Gunter as head of Information Systems and Services (ISS) (Action Item 09-01).

1) Mike Gunter read a statement in which he outlined what he calls the successes of ISS: wireless Internet, increased disk space, clickers, more desk support, and recent hires such as a Webmaster and Instructional Designer. He stated that ISS does not make policy and that he did not know how he could have done things differently with HiPACE. He added that he believes WUAD is a good thing and that malware can do less damage if the computer does not have administrator access. He stated that university hardware was approved at the steering committee.

2) Senators proceeded to ask Gunter several questions about the following issues:

a) No academic computing is figured in the organization chart in the Ebert review.

b) The groundswell of faculty disconnect.

c) The lack of full time teaching faculty on the ITC and lack of communication with the faculty on the part of the Steering Committee..

d) Gunter's unwillingness to share the HIPACE password with faculty.

e) The lack of sound academic policy

f) The issue of security: is there a trade off between convenience and security?

g) Gunter's perceived lack of trust in faculty in regard to administrative control of computers.

h) Concerns over the recent security document.

i) Lack of public access to computers.

3) When the discussion with Gunter ended at 4:45, there was a motion that passed to call the question. The senators the voted on the motion and the ballots were counted. Here is the final tally:

27 senators voted in favor of the motion of no confidence in Mike Gunter as head of Information Systems and Services.

3 senators voted against the motion.

3 senators abstained.

The motion of no confidence passed with a majority.

C. The Senate ran out of time before it could discuss the College of Arts and Sciences Academic Affairs Committee proposal (Action Item 09-03).

D. The Senate did not have the time to address the Notification of Infraction—Academic Impropriety Form (Action Item 09-06).

VIII. New Business.

There was none.

IX. Information Items. There were none.

X. Discussion Items. There were none.

I. Announcements. There were none.

II. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 4:53 PM.