

**Faculty Senate
Washburn University**

*Minutes of March 14, 2011
Kansas Room, Memorial Union*

Present: Arterburn, Averett, Barker, Bird, Croucher, Dodge, Edwards, Fry, Gabelmann, Griffin, Isaacson, Jacobs, Kelly, Lunte, Melick, Menzie, Pembroke (VPAA), Pilgram, Rich, Roach, Routsong, Shaver, Stover, Wagner, Weigand, Wohl

- I. The meeting of the Faculty Senate was called to order at 3:33 PM. Russ Jacobs presiding.
- II. The minutes of the Faculty Senate meeting of February 14, 2011 were approved.
- III. President's Opening Remarks.
Jacobs announced that the Faculty Senate Executive committee had been asked for two recommendations for university committees. The Exec committee recommended Steve Angel for the CIO Search Committee and he has accepted. The Exec committee recommended Lori Edwards for the Sesquicentennial Committee and she accepted.
- IV. Report from the Faculty Representatives to the Board of Regents
Jacobs reported that the BoR met on March 11 and approved all motions for promotion and tenure. Jacobs reported the Regents approved new admission criteria for incoming Freshmen, effective for Fall of 2012. The guidelines call for Regular Admits, with a GPA of no less than 2.5 and an ACT score of no less than 16; an Exception Window, for applicants with a GPA of no less than 1.5 and an ACT of no less than 15; and a Bridge program for those who do not meet even Exception Window standards. Students admitted under the Exception Window will be provided a required orientation and advising program, coupled with placement testing, prescriptive course selection, and a required first year experience course. Bridge program applicants would enter through Washburn Tech.
These new admission criteria are part of the efforts of a taskforce that has been analyzing WU's admission and student success data. The next step will require a new committee to oversee the freshman year experience, and the Faculty Senate will be asked to recommend representatives to this committee; how would you like to do this? Senators agree to self nominate to the Secretary, who will then prepare a list for the Executive Committee.
During President Farley's report, the president of the WSGA reported on student activities. Jacobs reminded senators that after a previous Regents meeting that the Regents were soliciting student responses to a potential raise in tuition, largely to fund faculty and staff pay raises. The WSGA president reported that students were largely supportive of tuition increases, but that they wanted something "tangible" for their money, a requirement that all faculty members provide online access to class grades on an ongoing basis. She made this a very clear quid pro quo, and her report was accepted with very little comment. One Regent did ask if the situation was currently that online grading was possible, but some professors were simply unwilling to provide it; the WSGA responded that this was the case. She also seemed to indicate that, currently, in classes where online grading was not available, very few students had access to their grades until the end of the semester. Faculty Senate representatives and the VPAA's office were not invited to respond to her report. Jacobs remarked on some implications and discussion was held among senators.

- V. Faculty Senate Committee Reports –
 - A. Academic Affairs Committee Minutes of December 10, 2010 were approved.
 - B. Electoral Committee Minutes of February 7, 2011 were approved. Roach provided a brief update to the minutes that the website is ready and elections for the at-large seat will be held after spring break. He is also compiling an updated list of seats available to each division and school;
 - C. Faculty Affairs Minutes of February 7, 2011 were approved. Arterburn provided a brief update that the committee had met with Chris Leach regarding the mileage issue. Leach reported to the committee that the Business office would pay any reasonable business request that could be documented by MapQuest.

- VI. University Committee Minutes
 - A. Minutes of the Honors Advisory Committee meeting of December 15, 2010 were accepted.
 - B. Minutes of the Assessment Committee meeting of December 10, 2010 were accepted.
 - C. Minutes of the Library Committee meeting of February 16, 2011 were accepted.
 - D. Minutes of the Honors Advisory Committee meeting of February 9, 2011 were accepted.

- VII. Old Business. – no old business reported.

- VIII. New Business –
 - A. 11-11 Change to Board of Student Media Constitution – passed on first reading

- IX. Information Items – no items

- X. Discussion Items: the Senators expressed their desire to the VPAA that no names be sent to FHSU for the retirement survey. Instead, they asked that those interested should be directed to contact the survey authors directly.

- XI. Announcements: Nursing faculty participated in Fit Tuesday against Baker faculty, raising over \$300 for an Armenia nursing school.
Aperion registration is open until March 17.

- XII. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:33 pm