

**Faculty Senate
Washburn University**

*Minutes of December 13, 2010
Kansas Room, Memorial Union*

Present: Arterburn, Averett, Barker, Bird, Blank, Byrne, Catanzaro, Childers, Dodge, Edwards, Fernengel, Fry, Gabelmann, Jacobs, Kelly, Melick, Menzie, Morse, Roach, Routsong, Sanchez, Sharafy, Shaver, Stover, Tate (VPAA), Wagner, Wohl Guest: Bearman

A. The meeting of the Faculty Senate was called to order at 3:31 PM. Russ Jacobs presiding.

B. The minutes of the Faculty Senate meeting of November 8, 2010 were approved.

C. President's Opening Remarks.

President Jacobs announced that since there are several items of pressing business, the next meeting of the Faculty Senate will be January 24, 2011. The secretary will send out the notice. Jacobs welcomed Assoc. Dean Gillian Gabelmann of Washburn Tech and Dean Alan Bearman, who will be answering questions regarding new policies at Mabee Library.

Jacobs reported that he has attended a variety of meetings over the last few weeks as President, most of them focused on the beginning of the budget process for FY 2012.

As FS President, he is a member of the WU Budget Advisory Committee. They met for the first time this year on Dec 2, to begin the process of developing the budget for the next fiscal year. Most of the meeting was taken up with preliminary and background material; real decisions will have to be made starting in January, when we know more about sales tax revenues, Spring enrollment, and State contributions. There is serious talk about a salary pool, but only time will tell how serious it is.

D. Report from the Faculty Representatives to the Board of Regents

BoR Audit Committee met on 12/3, and approved a much-reduced whistle-blower policy for consideration by the full Board.

BoR Budget and Finance Committee also met on 12/3 before the Regents meeting. Most of the time was spent in the presentation of budget material preparatory to the FY 2012 budget process. Positive signs for the new budget included enrollment increases and what appears to be a leveling out of the sales tax revenues; still very uncertain is the size of the state operating grant. Practically speaking, any salary pool will likely have to be financed by increases in tuition, since all other sources of revenue are likely to be flat or declining. ((54.3% of General Fund revenue in FY '11 came from tuition and fees; the state operating grant was 14.3% and the sales tax provided 22.9%.)

At the Board of Regents meeting, the Policy on Reporting Misconduct and Protection from Retaliation (the whistleblower policy) was approved, although it was not clear that all Regents were happy with all provisions of the policy. There appeared to be concern about when reports would be forwarded to the Chair of the BoR. During the report of the Budget and Finance Committee, Regent Lykins suggested that the WSGA be allowed to vote on any proposed tuition increases. He said that this is standard at the KS BoR, and that students usually recommend increases in order to ensure quality education. Budget and Finance Committee reports will be forwarded to WSGA, which will adopt resolutions with respect to tuition increases.

In additional business, the new VPAA, Randall Pembroke, was granted tenure as Professor of Music. Acting VPAA Tate then gave two presentations to the Board, one on the revisions in Program Review, and one on Our Future Student Body (this was the same presentation given on the same

topic to the Town Hall meetings styled as Washburn 150 Forward.) Regents took a lively interest in the report, and made several suggestions; concerns were expressed about how the University can attract and keep more priority students. Several suggested that the University do some research into why students leave the University.

- E. Faculty Senate Committee Reports –
 - a. Minutes of the Faculty Affairs committee meeting of November 15, 2010 were approved
 - b. Minutes of the Faculty Affairs committee meeting of November 29, 2010 were approved
 - c. Minutes of the Academic Affairs committee meeting of October 15, 2010 were approved.
- F. University Committee Minutes
 - a. Interdisciplinary Committee Minutes of September 13, 2010 were accepted
 - b. Interdisciplinary Committee Minutes of October 22, 2010 were accepted
 - c. Honors Committee minutes of October 6, 2010 were accepted
 - d. Library Committee minutes of November 10, 2010 were accepted
 - e. Curriculum Development Minutes of October 13, 2010 were accepted
 - f. Faculty Development Committee minutes of October 5, 2010 were accepted
 - g. Research Grant Committee Minutes of November 2, 2010 were accepted.
- G. Old Business.
 - a. 10-22 Curriculum Approval Process – approved as amended
- H. New Business – no new business reported
- I. Information Items

Dean Alan Bearman reported to senators that the policy for library collections and challenges had in fact been in place, in a large 150 page document. The new policy is an attempt to respond to an environment that is not entirely print. Due to senators concerns, there have been modifications made to the policy that was previously distributed, in order to make the process more clear. Dean Bearman reported that Mabee library has never had a challenge to materials since its opening. Dean Bearman also addressed that “community” included anyone, since we are publically-funded institution.
- J. Discussion Items - Senator Sharafy reported to senators that IT day will be held next semester. Anyone interested in participating should contact ITDAY@washburn.edu. They would like departments who are using IT to display during the event.
- K. Announcements –VPAA Tate reminded senators of graduation on Friday, December 17 and encouraged attendance.
- L. Adjournment: the meeting was adjourned at 4:34 pm