

**Faculty Senate  
Washburn University**

*Minutes of May 14, 2012  
Kansas Room*

Present: Angel, Arterburn, Averill, Barker, Bird, Blank, Byrne, Childers, Dodge, Edwards, Fry, Gonzalez-Abellas, Isaacson, Jackson, Kitts, Kaufman, Kelly, McMillen, Melick, Menzie, Merdado, Morse, Ockree, Pembroke (VPAA), Perret, Pilgram, Rich, Roach, Routsong, Rubenstein, Russell, Sanchez, Schmidt, Sheldon, Wade, Wagner, Weigand, Wohl, Wynn

- I. The meeting of the Faculty Senate was called to order at 3:30 PM. Steve Angel presiding.
- II. The minutes of the Faculty Senate meeting of April 9, 2012 were approved.
- III. President's Opening Remarks.  
President Angel thanked current and new senators for their service. Angel remarked that WU faculty has a commitment to education, and asked the Senators to remain committed. Angel mentioned those who have been appointed as FS reps to committees would remain as representatives, reporting to FS as needed although they may no longer be on the Senate. Angel also mentioned that the new WISAC committee would need a representative from the Faculty Senate.
- IV. Report from the Faculty Representatives to the Board of Regents: VP Roach reported that during the last BoR meetings, the Board deferred the raises for employees.. They were scheduled to meet on May 15, but have postponed that meeting pending final action by the Kansas Legislature. Angel also reported that if the state increases state employees salaries, it may translate to help with increasing tuition costs. The board also placed a comprehensive energy plan in the works.
- V. Report from the Units – School of Applied Studies – Vickie Kelly  
Kelly updated senators on the four departments in SAS:  
Social Work is working to complete the search for a new Chair. Interviews will be completed before the end of the semester, with a decision expected shortly after that. They had our 5-year program review this spring. Dr. Nan Palmer will begin phased retirement in the Fall of 2012.  
Human Services:  
The Department of Human Services has been actively involved in creating its new MA in Human Services (with emphasis in addictions counseling), which will start in Fall 2012 pending approval of the Kansas Board of Regents and Higher Learning Commission. The Department has been adapting its undergraduate addictions curriculum to comply with new state educational regulations that came about as the result of the Addiction Counselor Licensure Act. The Department is currently going through the process to become an approved program of the Kansas Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board. The Department is also in the middle of a search for a new tenure-track faculty member. In addition, the Department presented its 5-year program review document to the VPAA this semester.  
Allied Health:  
OTA program had its site visit in November and was accredited. It will be graduating its first class this May. The Master's of Health Science has been approved and is being reviewed by KBOR and HLC. PTA students Adam Walker and Kelsey Maxwell and PTA Program Director Zac Frank presented papers at the BHAA International Conference in Chicago. Both of these students did an excellent job and received high praise from those attending the conference. Kelsey and Frank presented a paper titled "Use of allied health professionals as leaders in wellness and health promotion: a cost analysis and guidelines for implementation." Kelsey did an excellent job and received specific praise from the discussant of the session. The paper Adam and Zac worked on was titled "Increased utilization of direct access to physical therapy: a model for reducing health care expenditures" and

won best paper for the Healthcare Accounting and Finance track. Also, Frank received notification the PTA program was awarded a grant by the WWVP (Washburn Women's Venture Partnership) for \$6,950 for balance testing/training equipment.

Criminal Justice:

Celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year. Kay Rute, in Legal Studies, began phased retirement **this year**.

VI. Report from the VPAA – Dr. Pembroke

VP Pembroke thanked everyone who participated in commencement last Saturday. VP Pembroke informed Senators that the university is looking at replacing contracts with letters of appointment to eliminate paper and the number of steps. The staff side is moving to the letter this year. Senators asked if a contract was more enforceable for faculty to return; Pembroke responded that they do not force someone to return even if they have signed and returned the contract.

Pembroke informed Senators that the original architectural firm for Morgan Hall has been replaced due to losing their chief architect and other staff. The new firm is PGAV Architects, who gave their preliminary presentation recently. They expect drawings/sketches within 2-3 weeks.

Pembroke asked senators to consider adding a November General Faculty meeting to the calendar. With committee structure and processes in place, it is taking an extremely long time to get business through, especially program changes and new programs. The senators suggested the September and January meeting be reserved for updates and the November and April/May meeting were strictly business items.

Pembroke also asked Senators for comments on the Washburn Tech AAS degree proposal begin brought forward. Other technical colleges currently have a 15-18 credit hour requirement for AAS degrees, while WU is requiring 26. Senators asked for continued discussion and for an explanation of the process for adding/deleting programs at Washburn Tech.

VII. Faculty Senate Committee Reports –

A. Minutes from the Faculty Affairs Committee of April 12, 2012 were accepted.

VIII. University Committee Minutes

A. International Education Committee Minutes of November 10, 2011 were accepted

B. International Education Committee Minutes of February 6, 2012 were accepted

C. International Education Committee Minutes of March 15, 2012 were accepted

D. International Education Committee Minutes of April 18, 2012 were accepted

E. Faculty Library Committee Minutes of April 18, 2012 were accepted.

IX. Old Business. – none

X. New Business –

A. Election of Officers for 2012-2013

Steve Angel (CAS)– President

Bill Roach (SOBu) – Vice-President

Vickie Kelly (SAS) – Secretary

Rick Barker (CAS) – Parliamentarian

B. 12-06 Approval of LLM in Global Legal Studies

Lori McMillan, Washburn SOL provided an overview. Item approved for second reading in August.

XI. Discussion Items:

- A. WU Social Media Policy – the policy statement was approved by the BoR in February. However, regulations were created as a separate document. Senators questioned why regulations were never brought forward to the Faculty Senate. The item was referred to the FAC committee this fall.
- B. Michaela Saunders, University Relations, asked for feedback on the MyWashburn welcome tab.

XII. Information Items:

- A. Angel announced that the item concerning the make-up of the general education committee that was pulled from the Gen Ed proposal will be referred to the FAC committee.
- B. Kelly informed senators that they would be receiving an e-mail concerning committee assignments and dates of next years meetings. The first meeting of the year is scheduled for August 27 in Washburn B.

XIII. Adjournment – the meeting was adjourned at 4:54 pm