

**Washburn University
Meeting of the Faculty Senate
September 21, 2015
3:00 PM – Henderson Hall, Room 112**

PRESENT: Alexander (Rebecca), Alexander (Ryan), Ball, Farwell, Francis, Garritano, Jackson, Kwak, Leung, Mansfield, Mastrosimone, Memmer, Modellmog, Palbicke, Pembrook, Petersen, Porta, Routsong, Russell, Sadikot, Sanchez, Schnoebelen, Scofield, Smith, Sourgens, Stacey, Steinroetter, Stevenson, Tutwiler, Weiner, Wohl, Worsely, Zwikstra

ABSENT: Childers, Mapp, McHenry, Mechtly, Stevens, Treinen,

GUESTS: McGuire, Gleason

- I. President Ball called the meeting to order at 3:02pm.**
- II. The Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting of August 31, 2015 were approved.**
- III. President’s Opening Remarks: None**
- IV. Report from the Faculty Representative to the Board of Regents: None**
- V. VPAA Update—Dr. Randy Pembrook:**
 - **On November 2, the new forensics building ribbon cutting ceremony will take place. On November 3, Washburn employees will be able to tour the building.**
 - **Raises: Most will get the 1.8% increase. For 12-month contract employees, the raise will appear on October paycheck. 9- and 10-month contract employees, the raise will appear on the November paycheck. Staff members will see the increase on their October 16th paychecks.**
 - **The enrollment situation continues to be a topic. The Washburn Board of Regents will meet this Thursday about enrollment, after which the data will be made public.**
 - **Executive staff is discussing parking issues for faculty and staff, hoping to improve communication about this and policies that may be put in place that help when we have events on campus.**
 - **There is a new Elevator committee headed by Cynthia Hornberger and Pam Foster. If you have questions or concerns, please share them with either of them.**
 - **There will be a going away reception on November 11, 2015 for Margaret Wood.**
 - **Donna Lacey in the VPAA office is also retiring at the end of the year; there will be a going away party reception for her on December 3, 2015.**
 - **The fall annual faculty dinner will be on November 16, 2015.**
- VI. Faculty Senate Committee Reports**
 - **The Academic Affairs Committee Minutes from April 13, 2015 were approved.**
 - **The Academic Affairs Committee Minutes from September 14, 2015 were approved.**
- VII. University Committee Reports:**
 - **The Graduate Council Minutes from April 30, 2015 were received.**

- The International Education Committee Minutes from April 30, 2015 were received.
- The Honors Advisory Board Minutes from April 1, 2015 were received.
- The Assessment Committee Minutes from April 23, 2015 were received.

VIII. Old Business:

- **16-1 Honors Tiered System;** this item was presented by Michael McGuire, Director of the Honor's Program. Petersen asked if the designation appeared on the student transcript; McGuire said that it would though he wasn't aware about exactly where it would appear. Wohl asked about what he meant by "High Honors Service." McGuire said that they needed 100 hours of involvement. Ball noted that tracking is needed. Routsong wondered who would track this. McGuire said he would oversee it through the student honors council. The Agenda item was passed.
- **16-2 LE Certificate-Baccalaureate Options** was presented by Michael Gleason, Director of the Leadership Institute. Petersen wondered about the credit hours required of the associate degree as the certificate may ask students to have too many hours. Gleason noted that many of the hours could come from cross-listed courses that are currently part of the AA program the student is pursuing. The Agenda item was passed.

IX. New Business:

- **Moddelmog** proposed we move the International Education Committee Minutes to New Business to discuss the new funding policy passed at that meeting; the Senate approved. The funding had been changed to be less inclusive of all international activities/trips by faculty members unless they present at an academic conference while abroad. Petersen wondered if we should move this as a motion to reconsider the change. Ball said he could make that motion if he wanted to. Petersen noted that there are unknown pieces of this discussion that we are not privy to; he noted that we could invite the chair of the international committee to come talk to us about the decision making process. Russell said we could both talk to colleagues as well, but also ask the committee chair about the change. It was decided that Ball would e-mail Baili Zhang, chair of the International Education committee to invite him to the next meeting of the Senate in October.

X. Information Items: None

XI. Discussion Items: None

XII. Announcements: None

XIII. President Ball adjourned the meeting at 3:31pm.