

Washburn University  
Meeting of the Faculty Senate  
December 5, 2016  
3:00 PM – Kansas Room, Memorial Union

**PRESENT:**

Ball, Barker, Erby, Garritano, Kwak, Mansfield, Mazachek, Moddelmog, Prasch, Sadikot, Schmidt, Schnobelen, Scofield, Siemens, Stacey, Steinroetter, Treinen, Tutwiler, Wasserstein, Wohl, Zwikstra

**ABSENT:**

Alexander, Farwell, Francis, Kapusta-Pofahl, Mastrosimone, Matthews, Memmer, Ockree, Petersen, Smith, Sourgens, Stevens, Weiner, Worsely

**GUESTS:**

Grospitch, Liedtke

- I. President Schmidt called the meeting to order at 3:03pm.
- II. The minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting of November 7, 2016 were approved.
- III. President's Opening Remarks:
  - Thanks to Erby for her efforts leading to Washburn receiving a Victims of Crime Act Grant to fund a Victim's Advocate position.
  - A standing Handbook revision committee is still in the works. Schmidt indicated he is hoping a version of the proposal will come back to the Senate by early next semester (Mazachek confirmed it will come to the full FS for first and second reading).
  - A question about Faculty-Student intimate relationships has come up, and it has been discovered that we don't have a policy. Mazachek noted that there is an administrative body that is looking at this since Washburn University, as a whole has no policy. Barker noted that it's not just a Faculty issue, but that faculty should have a say in the creation of it. Mazachek noted that she's in favor of this, as well, but that the process is just beginning. She acknowledged that faculty, staff, and administration should all be involved in this process. Mazachek will assemble an ad hoc committee with representatives from all three groups. She asked if anyone wants to work on this committee, to please let Schmidt know and he will pass on names.
  - Schmidt presented a brief update on an Enrollment Advisory committee. He noted that we're waiting on an official action item from Liedtke.
  - Schmidt noted that Fried is putting together a committee regarding allfacultystaff e-mail. Senators that are interested in serving on this committee should let him know.
  - Schmidt acknowledged the recent faculty letter of support in *The Washburn Review*. He asked that if anyone would like to make this sentiment into an agenda item to please let him know. Erby also noted that Wasserstein was also heavily involved in this process.
- IV. Report from the Faculty Representative to the Board of Regents:
  - Schmidt attended November 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. Key agenda items included:
    - The art gallery and first phase of the recital hall are underway.
    - The FLSA plans were also discussed.

- The faculty salary bump passed.
- The Leadership Institute presented about their successes.
- Dye presented information about her sabbatical.

**V. VPAA Update—Dr. JuliAnn Mazachek:**

- Mazachek applauded Erby specifically and all faculty in general with regard to work the *Review* letter of support to our students.
- Salaries: We did approve the salary campaign for faculty and staff; staff raises will be seen in January while faculty raises will begin in February.
- FLSA: Mazachek indicated that administration did have to make some changes to the policy manuals and were ready to implement on December 1<sup>st</sup> though a judge stayed the changes temporarily.
- On the VOCA grant—thank you for the team that helped with this.
- Commencement ceremony: we have heard from some folks on how to shorten the duration of the ceremony. Mazachek indicated that we’re anticipating a streamlined ceremony this December. The Deans agreed that they didn’t need to individually recognize each group of students and that broad introductions will be used instead so that a continuous line of students will be walking through, the goal being to shorten the time to an hour. Mazachek indicated that they would be interested in feedback afterwards.
- Summer registration. Mazachek noted that the registration dates haven’t changed yet though thanked academic unites for putting together summer schedules earlier than usual. She noted that our goal is that next year, registration for summer will happen at the same time as spring. Modellmog wondered if reduced tuition costs for general education courses would be happening again; Mazachek said that no—that was just a temporary program. Mazachek will work on relating the lack of a summer discount to faculty and students in the near future.

**VI. Faculty Senate Committee Reports:**

- The Faculty Affairs Committee minutes from September 26, 2016 were approved.
- The Faculty Affairs Committee minutes from October 12, 2016 were approved.

**VII. University Committee Reports:**

- The International Education Committee minutes from October 13, 2016 were received.
- The General Education Committee minutes of April 6, 2016 were received.
- The General Education Committee minutes of October 25, 2016 were received.
- The Assessment Committee minutes of November 10, 2016 were received.
- The University Library Committee minutes of November 16, 2016 were received.

**VIII. Old Business:**

- 17-01 Reassigned Time for Secretary of the Faculty Senate (presented by Wohl). Barker noted that our FS secretary provides minutes in a timely manner and it’s essentially a thankless job; he proposed that it be passed. Mazachek asked for clarification about the approval process; Schmidt clarified that this will have to go through General Faculty and Presidential approval. Sadikot wondered how it would logistically work; Wohl and Ball noted that it would depend on the individual and the needs as determined by the individual’s Chair or Dean. The motion passed unanimously.

**IX. New Business: NONE**

- X. **Information Items: NONE**
- XI. **Discussion Items: NONE**
- XII. **Announcements: NOTE**
- XIII. **President Schmidt adjourned the meeting at 3:37pm.**