

Washburn University  
Meeting of the Faculty Senate  
March 29th, 2021 at 3pm  
Zoom Meeting Hosted by FS Executive Committee

Present: Morse, Byrne, Miller, Stevens, Wynn, Dodge, Klales, VanDalsem, Smith (D), Moore, Watson, Krug, Ricklefs, Huff, Woody, Erby, Zwikstra, Mazachek, Smith (M), Romig, Sainato, Kohls, Wagner, Grant, Cook, Friesen, Schmidt, Daniels, Kendall-Morwick, Wang

Absent: Thor, Brooks, Douglass, Griggs

Guest(s): Gonzalez-Abellas, Pratt, Holthaus, Leming, Munzer, Mcnamee, Sundal, Gropitch, Schnoebelen, Carpenter, Kwak, Stephenson, Ball (A), Liedtke, Ball (J), Noonan

- I. Call to Order at 3pm by Morse
- II. Approve minutes- motion and 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve minutes, motion and 2<sup>nd</sup> passed without discussion
  - March 15th, 2021
- III. President's Opening Remarks
  - A lot of business to do this last month, before our last day of class.
  - Workplace- speak to contingency to ask what they liked and did not like about Workplace, so we can have a meaningful robust discussion April 12<sup>th</sup>. Communicate thoughts to Shaun Schmidt and Ian Smith, faculty reps on the Email committee.
  - Please participate in commencement as you are comfortable and encourage students to participate. From Morse, please consider participating.
  - Thank you to Louise Krug and electoral committee on work on At-large election.
  - Louise will go off senate this year and looking for replacement to replace.
  - Stevens will go off senate, and will need a secretary for next year, keep this in mind.
  - Schmidt, clarifying that Workplace is going away so need to discuss what we liked about workplace and discuss what will replace Workplace.
- IV. WUBOR/KBOR Update-
  - KU requested and KBOR approved removal of ACT for admission starting fall 2022. Other KBOR schools likely to follow.
  - We do not require ACT for admissions but use ACT scores for scholarships and class placements. As fewer students take the ACTs scholarship use of these scores for scholarships will need to be addressed.
  - Senate presidents will hear report KBOR gen ed committee at April meeting, so watch this space for announcement.

- WUBOR approved Bonds and contracts for the law school after years of work and fundraising.
- Ceremonial ground breaking in June and real work start before that
- Not much information on budget at this time, waiting on the legislature to sort out some big stuff so we can plan with real numbers in mind.
- WUBOR approved \$1,032,040 over 4 years for an admissions partnership with EAB to purchase names, starting with high school sophomores to generate leads and nurture applications. We currently partner with EAB with navigate and student success, and we know EAB uses data very well.
- Liedtke to present at our April 12<sup>th</sup> meeting so we may ask questions.

V. VPAA Update - Dr. JuliAnn Mazachek

- SOL, thank you former Dr Romig for your work on this and your leadership on new law school project.
- Shawnee County continue mask mandate, did make it possible for churches and businesses can opt out. WU not changing any of our COVID policies for classrooms and buildings until after the end of the semester. Grospitch drafting an announcement to go out to the university. By that time everyone that wants COVID vaccine will have had both doses and be two weeks out from 2<sup>nd</sup> dose.
- If you know 2020 graduates, reach out to them. May 1<sup>st</sup> commencement for 2020 grads, around 100 registered now with 500 guests. Mailing and will be texting campaign next week as well. There will be a concert prior to commencement outside the Union.
- 40 faculty signed up, we will follow COVID protocol during commencement. Will take place at Yager stadium.
- May 8<sup>th</sup> graduation for 2021 graduates, just under 400 students signed up. Yager will be full to capacity. Outside company helping with the planning of these events.
- Small program review work in progress. Reach out if you have questions.
- Waiting on a few key funds of our budget stream. Nothing has changed. Not lifting the position that have been frozen. In the conversation part to restore some of the travel, grant and research dollars. Hoping in the next 2-3 weeks to be able to give more information.
- Dean Pratt congrats on school of Law. It took a relay team to get this project done.

VI. Consent Agenda Grant updated on Graduate council committee. April 5<sup>th</sup> subcommittee meeting to discuss mission of the committee, which will go to the handbook, and constitution. Conversations happening at this time. Motion and 2<sup>nd</sup> to accept consent agenda, passed without discussion.

- Faculty Senate Committee Reports-
  - Receipt of the Academic Affairs committee meeting minutes from February 22<sup>nd</sup>

- University Committee Reports-
  - Receipt of Academic Diversity and Inclusion committee minutes from February 9<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>
  - Receipt of the Graduate Council committee meeting minutes from February 8<sup>th</sup>
  - Receipt of the Assessment committee meeting minutes from February 23<sup>rd</sup>

## VII. Old Business

- 21-8 Bachelor of Science in Anthropology (Forensics Concentration)
  - Sundal presented. Has a potential to affect courses in chemistry.
  - Question by Schmidt about removing CH 121 as an option, he states CH 103 better fit for the students. Sundal reports CH 121 left for flexibility for students.
  - Amendment to remove CH 121 from course moved Wagner and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schmidt. Passed unanimously.
  - Move to approve program and 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed unanimously.
  - This will not be sent to general faculty.
- 21-9 Minor in Forensic Chemistry (modification)
  - Motion to approve minor Wagner and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wagner, passed unanimously.
  - Schmidt presents- rearrangement to better fit students' needs, changed number of hours so presented here.
  - This will not be sent to general faculty.
- 21-10 Bachelors of Art in Mathematics (Secondary Education Specialization)
- 21-11 Bachelors of Science in Mathematics (Secondary Education Specialization)
  - Motion to approve BA of Art and Science together. Motion made by Schmidt and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wynn.
  - This to align and remove that students have to take the capstone course, now choose from a list of course
  - Both BA and BS in Mathematics, align with BeD.
  - Passed unanimously.
  - This will not be sent to general faculty.
- 21-12 Bachelor of Art in Mass Media and Public Relations Concentration
  - Motion to approve Schmidt and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cook to approve. Passed unanimously.
  - This will not be sent to general faculty
- 21-13 BEd in Speech and Theatre
  - Motion by Cook and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schmidt to approve.
  - Schoefelben presented- demand for some kind of education track for students. License in speech and theatre.
  - More job opportunities for students so they can teach both theatre and speech
  - Passed unanimously

- This will not be sent to general faculty
- 21-14 Bachelor of Science in Athletic Training Deletion
  - Motion by Wagner and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Woody to approve
  - Ross Friesen presents. To continue this would need additional resources, additional faculty and resources and would need to be a masters to continue and this did not make sense.
  - Students can jump in programs at other school like Kstate
  - Morse asked what a student wanting to get a masters in athletic training would major in here for their bachelors degree in. Friesent answered that the BS in Exercise and Rehab science makes the most sense for the student.
  - Mazachek thanks the athletic training department for all the hard work to evaluate and make this decision because this impacts the enitre department.
  - Passed unanimously and will be sent to General Faculty for a vote.
- 21-15 Minor in German Deletion
- 21-16 BA in German Deletion
  - Motion by Schmidt and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wagner to bundle minor/major in German- motion passed unanimously.
  - Miguel- program dwindling for a couple years. Only one major, no minors, need to hire faculty, and does not pay to get an instructor in German.
  - Mazachek- hard work and recognize this work and appreciate the work on this
  - Passed unanimously and will be sent to General Faculty for a vote
- 21-17 Masters of Liberal Studies Deletion
  - Motion Cook 2<sup>nd</sup> Wagner
  - Erby presents, enrollment declining, market research not likely to go up. Happy to answer questions
  - Passed unanimously and will be sent to General Faculty for a vote.
- 21-18 Musical Theatre Concentration Deletion
  - Motion Wynn and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cook to approve
  - Noonan- pending WUBOR approval this concentration will be deleted.
  - Mazachek will take together in same agenda item, where the passing of the new major will delete the concentration. Wording will support this per Schmidt.
  - Passed unanimously and will be sent to General Faculty for vote.

VIII. New Business- none

IX. Information Items- none

X. Discussion Items- none

XI. Announcements

XII. Adjournment meeting adjourned at 3:45pm