

Washburn University
Meeting of the Faculty Senate
October 10, 2022 at 3pm
Meeting in Forum Room Hosted by FS Executive Committee

Present: Barraclough, Cassell, Cook-Cunningham, Dahl, DeSota, Ewert, Florea, Friesen, Grant, Huff, Juma, Kay, Kendall-Morwick, Kimberly, Lolley, McGuire, Moddelmog, Noonan, Porta, Rivera, Rossi, Sainato, Schmidt, Scofield, Smith, Sourgens, Toerber-Clark, Wagner, Wasserstein, Zwikstra

Absent: Ginzburg, Holt,

Guests: Grospitch E, Holthaus C, Stephenson L, Leffingwell Q, Hanes S, Broxterman H, Luoma S, Ball J, Erby K, Liedtke R, Worsley M,

- I. Call to Order at 3:02 pm
- II. Approve minutes- Moved by Rivera, seconded by Lolley. Motion passes.
 - September 12, 2022 (pages 2-10)
 - September 26, 2022 (pages 11-14)
- III. President's Opening Remarks
 - Introduction of first timers
 - Asked for an update on General Education by Jennifer Ball – Just got information in on Friday, so will process this and will start discussions about the 6 hours of flexible courses and what they will be. This will be organized by Academic Affairs Committee of Faculty Senate based on previous discussions.
 - Asked Richard Liedtke to give information about an Advisory Committee for Enrollment Management – Thinking we would ask for two faculty from the College (of Arts and Sciences), one from Student Success, one from School of Nursing, one from School of Business, and one from the School of Applied Studies so that there is representation from each group with undergraduates. Kelly Erby would like to have representation from the Diversity and Inclusion Committee, but thinks this might be possible to get someone from one of the groups already mentioned who is also on the ADIC.
 - We are pulling the Enrollment Update from today's meeting at the request of Alan Bearman.
 - Will not finish up the Constitution today because we still have conversations going on. Faculty Affairs needs to remove some language from Faculty Handbook and then pass it on to Faculty Handbook Committee.
- IV. WUBOR/KBOR Update- Shaun Schmidt/Erin Grant
 - KBOR - none
 - WUBOR (Schmidt)- Insurance and public budget meeting and other daily business discussions, plus large purchases. No major issues to report.

- V. VPAA Update - Dr. Laura Stephenson
- Remarkable Tilford Conference at WU – Will be held same time next year.
 - Still looking to complete staffing in office since Riley Siebold is leaving. Debbie White will start helping more in our office (from Law). Hope to get out a chart this week that shows who does what.
 - We are at the next stage of academic bridging plan with Deans and Directors. Got lots of good ideas from faculty and staff, so that is collated and will be looked at there.
- VI. Consent Agenda – Moved by Moddlemog and seconded by Kendall-Morwick. Motion passes
- Faculty Senate Committee Reports- none
 - University Committee Reports-
 - Assessment Committee Minutes (pages 15-16)
 - International Education/International WTE Committee Minutes (page 17)
- VII. Old Business-
- Action Item 22-4 Faculty Senate Constitution Replacement (Amended) (pages 18-40)
 - Schmidt Passed gavel to Erin Grant
 - Move to consider the amendments to the constitution by Wasserstein, seconded by Kay. Discussion followed as noted below:
 - Zwikstra – made several comments that correct capitalization, grammar, etc and these were sent to Schmidt and incorporated.
 - Section III C Schmidt moves to amend, and Wasserstein seconds. (Motion sets a census day that will be used for the next year's representation.) Puts the responsibility to do this on the VPAA office (coordinated with HR). It also determines eligibility for faculty. This is a snapshot in time, so might be different than August, but will leave time for elections to occur before the end of the school year. This will also add in where people belong (ie what division do they represent). Motion passes
 - Section II Parts A - C as circulated – Moved by Schmidt and seconded by Wasserstein. This tries to reword those who are in administrative roles and how much time is spent in it (ie Is the Director of C-TEL .5 Administrative, or .5 reassigned time.) This is important when determining who can serve (preventing those more than ½ administrative from serving on Senate.) A few minor editorial changes were suggested. Part C is dealing with where people were assigned based on changes in how the Census was conducted. Motion passes.
 - Section Officers and Leadership and reassigned time is now taken care of by previous amendments.
 - Academic Affairs as circulated – Moved by Zwikstra and seconded by Wasserstein – makes it consistent that all subcommittees have the same voting requirements. Schmidt – the 6 of 9 changed last

time that General Education came through to make sure it was a “super majority” so that it was more certain that it was something was agreed upon. (ie make sure something that could affect whole university has more input.) Kendall-Morwick – seems like you could have this at other places. Wasserstein - seems odd that you would only have it at this one place, but no where else. Rossi – what is considered “proxy” voting? Schmidt – having someone else make a vote for you as a substitute. Kendall-Morwick – would those account for Semester substitutes/someone voted in? Schmidt – there are provisions for that. Wasserstein – constitution assumes that these people are elected in. Motion passes.

- Graduate Academic Affairs Council – action is being postponed.
- Barraclough – not sure if this is an amendment – Section II C dealing with who counts as University-wide Faculty. Would like make sure that at least one person is from the Libraries, since there are 10 librarians who are on faculty. Schmidt – I think that II D is probably the place it should be changed. Sourgens – sounds like you want the librarians to be a separate block. Barraclough – I think there was a block in a previous version (SS agrees). Scofield – why don’t people campaign to make sure they get elected. Wasserstien – the only way I think no librarian is elected would be if no librarian was nominated OR if no librarians voted for that candidate. Moddelmog – so who do you represent now? (which structure are we using) Barraclough – right now we are a combined Library/Center for Student Success. Rossi – So there is still representation, even if a librarian isn’t here. Schmidt – What is the benefit for having a librarian on the Senate? What do the librarians bring to the table? Barraclough – We think in a wholistic approach, and deal with every place across campus. Zwikstra – this makes sense if they have 10, that we would make them their own group. How is that different from anyplace else across campus. Schmidt – I don’t think it’s just a numbers game because each academic unit was originally elected. We didn’t have anyone from libraries, so we had one put on. Now that there are other groups who are also “university-wide” they also think wholistically. Porta – maybe have ½ representations, where it doesn’t mean that it will always be 2 librarians. Moddelmog – I think that maybe we are trying to fix a problem that doesn’t exist. Maybe we just move on and then add later. Zwikstra – But do we want to take that chance, if we think that Librarians are important. Wasserstein – Do we want to run the risk that we always have one group at the risk of NEVER having another group elected? Scofield – What does Student Success fall under? Barraclough – It falls under libraries. Grant – Does that answer your question? Zwikstra – Just interested in how we get the different categories formed, who decides who gets representation? Schmidt – Laura, how long has the College /

Schools setup been in place? Stephenson – At least 37 years.
Schmidt – this is also problematic to fill in spots on other committees since that would require certain levels of representation if we make them their own group. Wagner – can this be part of Standing Rules or have the group come up with ways to make this work? Wasserstein – Section (Elections) IV.F seems to deal with this, so it would allow the division to make up its own mind. Grant – do we want to postpone this?

- Move to Postpone to a future meeting (Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Lolley) Motion passes.
- Gavel passes back to Schmidt.

VIII. New Business-

IX. Information Items-

X. Discussion Items-

- Enrollment Update – Alan Bearman and Christa Smith (Being pulled from today by request on Friday Oct 6th)
- Standing Rules – Shaun Schmidt
 - We will be moving forward with Constitution in a future meeting, so want to start thinking about next year
 - Grant – Looking at Graduate Committee and Task Forces – Would love to see some language put in for time-limits/parameters for Task Forces.
 - Schmidt – Need to have who committee reports to, what is the mission, and special rules, deadlines for the committee
 - Wagner would like to see rules for rebalancing to make sure newly elected senators from a division aren't all on the same cycle (vs alternating)
 - Lolley – would like to have a mentor or a chart of what the committees are/how the committees affect each other. (Schmidt – would you like to know what your role is?) Lolley - I didn't know what could come up in my committees last year.
 - Moddlemog – These are the committees, here is what they do, “Dummies Guide to FS.”
 - Sourgens – maybe a podcast – here's what you can do this committee, here's how you introduce things, etc.
 - Lolley – seems like it might depend on who the Chair is.
 - Grant – Robert's Rules Cheat Sheet – I know we have a video coming out, but the basics written out would be helpful.
 - Wasserstein – If we deviate from RR, then we need to make sure that is documented.
 - Schmidt –So maybe get something for the subcommittees
 - McGuire - What happens if you don't get assigned to the main committees?

- Moddelmog – If assigned to a committee and serving a dual role, then do they get two votes?
- Sourgens – What is the difference between Faculty Handbook and WUPPRM? Maybe this would be beneficial to have, since I have a hard time explaining this to my area. Schmidt – there's also University By-laws, FS Constitution.
- Rossi – Can we get a list of acronyms?
- Wagner – flow chart of where things go to get them passed/approved.

XI. Announcements

- iREAD Lecture in Lee Arena at 7 pm tomorrow (Oct 11th), enter via east entrance.
- Musical: Coming up Oct 21-21, 28-20.
- Homeland Security talk on Zoom on October 20th.

XII. Adjournment - Grant moves, Wasserstein seconds, motion passes