

Washburn University  
Meeting of the Faculty Senate  
April 28, 2025 at 3pm  
Meeting in Kansas Room Hosted by FS Executive Committee

**Present:** Cook, Dahl, Davies, DeSota, Dickinson, Francis, Fritch, Hansen, Hartman, Heusi, Holt, Hu, Kay, Kendall-Morwick, Lambing, Lolley, Maxwell, McHenry, Miller, Mosier, Perret, Ricklefs, Schmidt, Schnoebelen, Scofield, Sellak, Smith, Sneed, Steffen, Stevens, Toerber-Clark, Wagner, Williams

**Incoming Senators:** Abebayo, Bender, Buck, Camarda, Copeland, Emry, Gonzalez-Abellas, Graves, Harnowo, C Jones, T Jones, Leisinger, McBeth, White

**Guests:** Bailes, Broxterman, Hutchinson, O'Neil, Burdick, Wade, Worsley, Holthaus

- I. Call to Order at 3:02 pm
- II. Approve April 21, 2025, minutes- moved by Hartman, seconded by Kay. Motion passes unanimously.
- III. President's Opening Remarks- Tonya Ricklefs
  - I will echo what I said last week- This has been an amazing group of people. We have tackled some difficult stuff, and we didn't finish it all. (Heads up for incoming people.) Thank you to everyone who is coming on, for making this sacrifice of time. It really is important work we are doing.
- IV. WUBOR/KBOR Update- Tonya Ricklefs
  - KBOR – no updates
  - WUBOR – Will give outgoing report for the 24-25 AY. Email me if you have things you want me to say.
- V. VPAA Update - Dr. John Fritch
  - Last week was Apeiron – Amazing Day. Thank you to everyone involved, especially faculty working with students. I know this takes longer to make it through a presentation when working with a student, but it is good for them. It increases the chances they will graduate and be successful in life (Noted there was a study that said there were five things that made college students successful later in life. Have you done an extended research project? Did you have a relationship with a faculty member outside of the classroom? Apeiron checks both these boxes.)
  - Enrollment continues to look good for next Fall; Student Credit Hours are up 5-6%
  - Success Week is May 5-9.
  - Commencement May 14-17.
  - Special thank you to Barbara Scofield – It's her last Faculty Senate meeting! She has stayed involved even though it's her last semester, providing an excellent model of leadership! Scofield: I've enjoyed serving the university. I'm pretty sure that accolade goes to everyone here.

- VI. Consent Agenda – Moved to accept by Schmidt, seconded by Stevens. Motion passes unanimously.
- Faculty Senate Committee Reports-
    - FAC Minutes 3-3-25
    - FAC Minutes 4-14-25
  - University Committee Reports-
    - General Education Committee Minutes 2-25-25
- VII. Old Business - None
- VIII. New Business- None
- IX. Information Items-
- At-Large Election Results – Hartman
    - At-Large Results: Shanise Brooks, Sarah Cook, and Franki Ostrom were all elected.
    - C Stevens will not be here next year, so we will have a special election at the start of the Fall semester to finish the rest of her term.
    - Thanks to C Kay for mentoring me in this new position. (Ricklefs – Thanks for your excellent communication about the elections.)
- X. Special Orders
- Welcome New Senators: New senate needs to vote in the officers for the next academic year. Please feel free to ask any questions as we go through this process
  - Election of Faculty Senate Officers 2025-2026
    - President – moved by Schmidt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ricklefs: Jim Schnoebelen nominated and passed unanimously (J Schnoebelen Abstains)
    - Vice-President – Moved by J Schnoebelen, Seconded by Cook – Tonya Riklefs – passes unanimously
    - Secretary moved by Ricklefs, seconded by S Schnoebelen – Ian Smith – Passes unanimously
    - Parliamentarian – moved by Smith, seconded by Ricklefs – S Schmidt – passes unanimously (S Schmidt Abstains)
  - Remarks from Incoming President
    - Public Speaker in the president's spot—watch out. ☺
    - Thanks to this year's officers for their hard work. I deeply appreciate Tonya staying on to help me next year. Hillary – I appreciate that this was not always the easiest job, but you handled it well. Tracy (Wagner) – I have had this job and know it's not easy. Thank you for taking it on!
    - Thanks to Holly Broxterman, as well, for keeping us on track, coordinating, etc.
    - Been here 25 years, have had many roles, including debate coach, mock trial coach, and lecturer, and now am a tenured professor. Have seen WU from many angles, have been through many processes, so I know where to go to get answers. Will take my responsibility as FS President seriously.

- Focus for next year: Be responsive to and seek out feedback from constituents. Make sure people know what is happening in Senate. Make sure you are in attendance. The votes matter. Please do your best to make sure you are here on Monday afternoons. Rarely ask others to do things that I won't do. Best communication happens when it is reciprocal. I will be around this summer, so stop by and see me in Morgan 206.
- Don't forget about the General Faculty meeting on Wednesday. Should be a good one.

XI. Discussion Items - none

XII. Announcements –

- Student Teacher Celebration is next Monday at 4:30, so if you have students graduating in Ed, please join us (BTAC).

XIII. Adjournment- Moved by Ricklefs, seconded by Lolley. Motion passes.