

**Washburn University**  
**General Faculty Minutes**  
**March 1, 2023**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

President Mazachek called the meeting to order at 3:30.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the November 9, 2022 General Faculty Meeting were approved unanimously.

**IV. REMARKS**

**From President Mazachek**

- Happy to return
  - Took one month to settle in and will now be taking action.
- Well done on the U.S. News and World Report ranking
  - As an open admission campus, we are doing better than many regional and division two universities in the country, as well as one research one institution.
- Appreciation for those in interim positions
  - Will be working to fill more of those roles in the next month
  - Rossi asked for a timeline for interim positions other than the provost.
    - These conversations have been started, want to ensure people apply knowing who their leader will be
    - The dean position is a conversation that has been started
- We are in a position to do great things
  - Current focus on: listening, learning, legislature
  - Would like university wide faculty working together
- Not a strategic plan this year. Top goals without it
  - Growth, but more than a headcount. Ensuring people on campus are taken care of.
  - Strategic plan will start and finish fall 2023.
- HLC midpoint review done as of Monday, thanks Ball and all others who contributed.
- WUBOR budgeting workshop next Tuesday
- Law school
  - Started 2008, moving in to the new building May 2023
    - Old law school will be called Plass.
  - All on campus will have an opportunity to move except those in Stouffer.
  - March 23 WUBOR meeting will have a full presentation regarding building changes
  - Henderson is biggest academic center on campus. Currently fundraising to make the building better for students and faculty. Plans to be announced in the next four to five months.
- Provost search

- Just a name change, VPAA has already be doing the work required.
- Stevenson will stay until the position is filled.
- National confidential search will be done via a hiring firm to ensure we have the best candidates for the position
  - Hope to launch in July and August to get the best people, with start date of January one.
- Jamie Washington
  - Visit will executive staff confirmed that we need to work together to get things done. Need to meet in more meaningful ways.
    - Gonzalez-Abellas asked to revisit an all faculty lounge
- Equity and inclusion materials submitted to legislature.
  - Kendall-Morwick (K) asked about what was submitted and any follow up.
    - Requested and were sent details regarding where diversity related topics were taught, including CRT.
    - There have not been questions.
    - Not concerned about any political crusade taking place.

**From the Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs, Stephenson**

- Hopeful for campus
- Bearman currently at a conference to better serve adult learners. Well be working to recruit more via the new transfer portal and a better scholarship grid.
- Academic bridge strategic plan is online
- HLC desk review completed
- General education
  - Office received much feedback. Lots of creative thinking
  - Need to be ready to implement in the fall of 2024.
    - WU and KU are the only schools not implementing fall 2023.
- Looking at the D2L contract.
  - There is a faculty committee examining other possibilities. Potential to make decisions in the fall and start the new LMS in the spring.
- April 26<sup>th</sup> will be the next General Faculty meeting instead of the 19<sup>th</sup>
- Faculty passing, both well loved
  - Emeritus Forebach
  - Menninger-Corder