

**Washburn University
Meeting of the Faculty Senate
February 20, 2017
3:00 PM – Kansas Room, Memorial Union**

PRESENT:

Alexander, Ball, Barker, Erby, Kwak, Moddelmog, Ockree, Petersen, Prasch, Sadikot, Schmidt, Schnobelen, Scofield, Siemens, Sourgens, Stacey, Steinroetter, Stevens, Wasserstein, Weiner, Wohl, Worsely, and Zwikstra

ABSENT:

Farwell, Francis, Garritano, Kapusta-Pofahl, Mansfield, Mastrosimone, Matthews, Mazachek, Memmer, Smith, Treinen, and Tutwiler

GUESTS:

Dohrman, Bird, Holthaus, Gropitch, Schmidt (Thomas), Liedtke

- I. **President Schmidt called the meeting to order at 3:02pm.**
- II. **The Faculty Senate meeting minutes of December 5, 2016 were approved.**
- III. **President's Opening Remarks:**
 - **The VPAA search is still underway; please try to attend the open forums, ask questions and then follow up by sending Dr. Farley your comments.**
 - **The VPAT search is waiting for the VPAA search to end before re-opening.**
 - **The Faculty Affairs Committee (FAC) is working on the proposal dealing with the organization of the faculty handbook revision committee.**
 - **The Academic Affairs Committee (AAC) will be working with the Office of Student Life on the Student Code of Conduct. They're particularly concerned with the Faculty Handbook's academic impropriety policy that the student code references that may be out of date. The goal is to have a revised policy in place by next fall.**
 - **Schmidt noted that he and Ball are currently serving on an ad hoc relationship task force that includes a wide variety of administrators and the two faculty representatives.**
 - **Liedtke presented some preliminary enrollment numbers for spring: he noted the number of total students is down slightly (0.89%) but indicated that credit hours are up slightly (0.93%). He indicated that more information would be coming out in the next couple of weeks.**
- IV. **Report from the Faculty Representative to the Board of Regents:**
 - **Moddelmog attended the most recent meeting and reported the following:**
 - **President Farley announced that community members are exploring the creation of a North Topeka education project.**
 - **Ways of increasing recruitment to Washburn Tech was discussed.**
 - **The new protocol for campus open carry was discussed. It was proposed that Washburn would adopt an open carry while outside campus buildings/concealed carry while inside campus buildings policy, though Moddelmog noted that this is a proposal that was tabled until more information comes out.**

- Schmidt added that five of the faculty senates from the Regents institutions have passed resolutions which support a permanent exemption for higher education institutions to the Kansas conceal carry policy going into effect in July; He indicated that any senator can propose such a resolution for the Washburn Faculty Senate to consider. Petersen asked if there was a version of this that had been adopted that was available for Senators to view. Schmidt said he would send these out to individuals if they e-mailed him.

V. VPAA Update—Dr. JuliAnn Mazachek: NONE

VI. Faculty Senate Committee Reports:

- The Academic Affairs Committee meeting minutes of September 12, 2016 were not approved. Because of concerns expressed by Kwak (Chair of the AAC), Barker asked that the minutes be amended. Kwak elected to withdraw these minutes for revision; they will be resubmitted at a later date once the AAC has the opportunity to consider revising them.

VII. University Committee Reports:

- The Graduate Council meeting minutes from October 24, 2016 were received.
- The Graduate Council meeting minutes from November 28, 2016 were received.

VIII. Old Business: NONE

IX. New Business: NONE

X. Information Items:

- 17-02 Update of Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) Policies (presented by April Dohrman): Prasch said that had the full language side by side with the new language, it might be better to understand. Prasch also noted that the 2nd part might require a lowering of our standards (a tougher discussion for later). Barker asked if this language would align us with KBOR? Dohrman said it would. Barker said that he wasn't in favor of aligning Washburn with KBOR because it takes the decision (with its inclusion in the catalog) out of faculty hands and places it in administrator's hands. Sadikot said if we approve the language, then how are we not tacitly agreeing to the KBOR scores later. Ball asked where the actual problematic words were as it didn't seem troubling to her. Prasch wondered why it was an information item rather than an action item, and because of this status, if it provided the faculty with a voice at all? Ball said she wouldn't have a problem with it being an action item and asked for this to be added as an action item by the AAC. Scofield noted that this isn't just aligning with new language (repeating CLEP exams, for instance, looks like an actual change with policy implications). Modellmog seconded Prasch's earlier comment that including both old and new language would be helpful. Wohl wondered about DSST credit and what a "pass" means grade-wise under this system; Dohrman said this wasn't set but it would likely be classified as a C grade. Modellmog wondered if some of these classes were major classes; Dohrman noted that some were but Chairs/Unit heads would be contacted for approval.

XI. Discussion Items:

- Barker wanted to raise a discussion issue for the future: due dates for summer offerings starting in 2018 and advising load. With the recent changes in registration dates for summer versus fall semesters, faculty are now essentially being asked to potentially double their

advising sessions during the spring semester (since summer PINs are released weeks before fall PINs. He also noted that the decisions about these deadlines did not include faculty input, and that soon we will be asked to determine what classes we're offering much earlier than before. Steinroetter noted that this was especially troubling for those departments conducting searches since they wouldn't even know what faculty to assign to some classes or if such classes could be offered, and that there might be problems creating schedules far in advance if faculty are retiring. Petersen said that this might be helped in the future with moving to a one PIN policy.

XII. Announcements:

- Schmidt announced that Apeiron would be on April 28, 2017; registration is due by March 30, 2017.

XIII. President Schmidt adjourned the meeting at 3:45pm.