

Washburn University  
Meeting of the Faculty Senate  
November 30th, 2020  
Zoom Meeting Hosted by FS Executive Committee

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

Absent: Douglass, Friesen, Romig

Guest(s): Juma, Holthaus, Munzer, Burdick, McNamee, Lee, Grospitch, Sollars, Barker, Carpenter, Stephenson, Ball (A), Liedtke, Ball (J)

- I. Call to Order- meeting called to order by Morse at 3:03pm
- II. Approve minutes-
  - October 26<sup>th</sup>- motion to approve and 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed without discussion.
- III. President's Opening Remarks
  - Pencil January 11<sup>th</sup> on calendar incase meeting needed for faculty senate
  - Senate is always an experience, truly amazing group of senators.
  - Appreciate everyone's work this semester.
  - We have proved faculty governance has made us better.
- IV. KBOR Update
  - Senate presidents worked on FOE statement. Sent by Morse to senate yesterday. Hope WUBOR takes seriously Washburn FOE and senate presidents FOE.
  - Transfer and articulation committee (TAAC) manages transfer process between KBOR institution and us. TAAC approves courses that should be accepted seamlessly across KBOR institution. Gen ed have been looked at. Upper division courses now being looked at but this is different from gen ed courses. In October TAAC approved list of 1:1 transfer courses in spite of objections. Appeal being done by FHSU Washburn, KU and K-State.
  - FSP (faculty senate presidents) asked representative of TAAC to talk at future faculty senate presidents meeting. Morse may ask senate to come up with a resolution but too early to decide on this at this time. Washburn is not alone in concerns about this issue.
  - Example given that if a Kansas history at 200 level at a community college and is a 300 level here at Washburn, then would have to accept as 200 level and meet 300 level requirements.
  - Students still would be required to have 45 upper division credit from Washburn to graduate from Washburn and would still have to meet the residency requirements. Individual programs decide on residency

requirements for a particular program. May be time to look at residency requirements of individual programs.

- KBOR looking at Gen Ed.
- Mazachek reports there will be a meeting this week to look at what WUBOR is doing for low enrollment programs and come up with a plan to work for Washburn. Will have more information in January.
- Low enrollment for KBOR seems to look at 20 students and 6 graduates per year as low enrollment. K-State rep did a nice job defending a small program that did not meet the major threshold but hosted classes that served general education purposes- KBOR seems to be looking at cutting low enrollment programs in response to potential and anticipated cuts from the legislature.

V. VPAA Update - Dr. JuliAnn Mazachek

- Seems our transition to remote went very smoothly due to planning by faculty and preparation by the students.
- Looking to do similar things for commencement as were done in the spring. Video by Dr Farley and Dr. Mazachek. Scroll names of graduates on video and marquee. Will do a mailing as well. Many departments doing individualized events to make graduates feel special.
- Spring semester however it starts is how we will go through the semester. If we have to start remote as a campus, will be a set period of time. How schedule set in banner will be the same throughout the semester for course modality.

VI. Consent Agenda- motion and 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve consent agenda. Approved without discussion.

- Faculty Senate Committee Report
  - Approval of the Academic Affairs committee meeting minutes from October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- University Committee Reports-
  - Receipt of the honors advisory board meeting minutes from September 2, 2020
  - Receipt of the Academic Diversity & Inclusion committee minutes from September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020
  - Receipt of the faculty constitution task force meeting minutes from October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020
  - Receipt of the assessment committee meeting minutes from October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020
  - Receipt of the graduate council meeting minutes from October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020

VII. Old Business

- 21-4 Proposed Faculty statement on support for freedom of expression (FOE)
  - Byrne brings forward FOE taskforce spring 2018, originated from faculty senate, Ball chair, 3 administrator, 7 faculty and 1 member

of WUTech. The statement with the most votes was brought forward and sent to administration and did not go any further at that point.

- Byrne brought forward to faculty affairs and brought to senate today asking for support by faculty senate. Most of the language comes from Chicago statement on free expression. A few sentences added and first paragraph is WU specific. No edits/changes in FAC expect a few footnotes.
- Feel it is important to have a faculty FOE for Washburn. Important that Washburn's voice is heard in the FOE.
- Asked for motion to approve FOE statement. Motion by Schmidt, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Byrne. Motion to amend and change spring to fall 2018. Motion moved and passed without further discussion.
- Three FOE statements originally forwarded to administration, then went back to committee and 1 document sent in fall 2018.
- Mazachek expresses gratitude and hard work of this taskforce on this issue.
- This would go to Dr Farley and administration and to the BOR. Recommend it go to Gen faculty. Would eventually be a policy.
- If not approved by the BOR then it would live in the minutes of faculty senate minutes.
- Question if this the appropriate path for this statement. Feel it is time for faculty to have a statement even if in the end it only living in the minutes
- Any comments on senate presidents FOE statement, should be sent to Morse to share at next meeting.
- Poll done- 27 support and 1 against FOE going to general faculty.
- Send to general faculty but no meeting for quite some time, and figure out a plan as KBOR working fast for statement. February 17<sup>th</sup> next Gen faculty. February 4<sup>th</sup> next WUBOR. General faculty approval not necessary but faculty may want a chance to speak on this as it will go to WUBOR and will get a lot of press and faculty not on senate may want to have a say.
- Will need a general faculty meeting the week of January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
- Will look at January 20<sup>th</sup> to keep meetings to Wednesday. Grant to work with Aileen Ball to get this meeting set.
- Motion to take to general faculty and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion approved.

VIII. New Business- none

IX. Information Items-none

X. Discussion Items

- WSGA smoking free campus resolution- Dr Grospitch.
  - Staff council discussed 70% recommended moving to a smoke-free campus. Only KBOR school not smoke-free.
  - WSGA wanting smoke free campus especially during a pandemic.

- Try to keep people from smoking on campus where students are walking, these are the areas that bother students.
- FAC raised some pointed concerns with the statement.
  - I. Safety question related to persons having to walk of campus to smoke. Students feel we are on a safe campus and we sell that we have a safe campus
  - II. Socioeconomic concerns- students felt KBOR everyone else figured it out. Staff also effected and not just students. Seems like bad timing
  - III. Students wanting to include vaping in the smoking
  - IV. How would it be enforced- Grospitch shares HR for employees and Code of conduct issues for students.
  - V. Concern about timing coming on the heels of cancelling spring break and an additional stressor during an already stressful time.
  - VI. Is this a liability issue if we are asking staff/faculty to go off campus? Would need to talk with Mark related to this issue.
  - VII. What is the driving issue for this smoking ban? Seems we fixed the issue by making the designated areas. Plenty of ways to avoid the smoking
  - VIII. Is there enough of a health issue/risk to non-smoker with the designated areas.
  - IX. Does smoke free campus make us more unwelcoming to smokers that are higher proportion of smokers of lower economic status?
  - X. Impacts staff that have no say in the resolution.
  - XI. Issue that is important to students. May be more of an issue related to location, especially by Mabee and Garvey.
  - XII. Senate may be more comfortable with changes to location then with ban on campus. Grospitch to have conversation about location with WSGA. We respect students work and leadership on this issue and using their voice.

XI. Announcements-none

XII. Adjournment at 4:20pm