

**Washburn University  
Meeting of the Faculty Senate  
March 2, 2015  
3:00 PM Kansas Room, Memorial Union**

**PRESENT: Alexander, Ball, Chamberlain, Childers, Florea, Francis, Frank, Friesen, Kwak, Lunte, Mapp, McConnell-Farmer, McHenry, Moddelmog, Palbicke, Pembrook, Petersen, Routsong, Russell, Sanchez, Schbley, Schmidt, Schnoebelen, Scofield, Smith, Sourgens, Stacey, Stevens, Stevenson, Sun, Treinen, Weiner, Wisneski**

**ABSENT: Berry, Jackson, Mach, Perret, Rubenstein, Sadikot,**

**GUESTS: Mechtley, Rettig, Snook, Stephenson, Sundal**

- I. President Ball called the meeting to order at 3:03pm.**
- II. The Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting of February 16, 2015 were approved.**
- III. President's Opening Remarks:**
  - **Guests should sign in on the attendance sheet.**
  - **Ball has issued an invitation to Davenport for the May 4 meeting to talk about IT issues.**
  - **She is working on asking about newspaper use in classes as per discussion at the last meeting regarding the campus readership program.**
  - **She will be asking Richard Liedtke in the near future to hold some town hall meetings.**
- IV. Report from the Faculty Representative to the Board of Regents: None**
- V. VPAA Update—Dr. Randy Pembrook:**
  - **The Kansas Board of Regents recently clarified what “coordinating” means in terms of new academic programs: graduate or doctoral level programs must be reviewed and approved by KBOR, whereas only things at the undergraduate level that entail anything outside of our established programs (i.e. a new program in architectural design) need to be reviewed by KBOR (which saves time for approval, upwards of 2-3 months).**
  - **Within Academic Affairs Committee, we will discuss defining “major” changes so all units are playing on the same page.**
- VI. Faculty Senate Committee Reports:**
  - **The Minutes of the Faculty Affairs Committee Minutes from September 8, 2014 were approved.**
- VII. University Committee Reports:**
  - **The Sabbatical Committee minutes from February 9, 2015 were received.**
  - **The Library Committee minutes from February 17, 2015 were received.**
- VIII. Old Business:**
  - **15-04 Constitutional Amendment 1 (AA Representation) was passed with 29 yes votes.**
  - **15-05 Constitutional Amendment 2 (FA Representation) was passed with 29 yes votes.**

**IX. New Business:**

- 15-10 Jazz Studies New Program was presented. Snook was on hand to discuss the new program. It was approved.
- 15-11 Jazz Studies Deletion was presented. Snook was on hand to discuss the deletion of this program. It was approved.
- 15-12 BEd in Elementary Ed Change. Rettig was on hand to discuss the change. It was approved. Schmidt then made a motion to put 15-12 on a consent agenda for General Faculty; this motion was approved.
- 15-13 BA in CIS Change. Mechtley was on hand to discuss the changes. It was approved. Schmidt then made a motion to put 15-13 on a consent agenda for General Faculty; this motion was approved.
- 15-14 BA in CIS Forensics New Program. Mechtley was on hand to discuss the new program. Petersen noted that the word “concentration” can appear on transcripts but “emphasis” may not. Pembrook says that both have been used. Schmidt asked where the money was coming from for the software; Mechtley said we could get by with open-access software and build the programs piece-meal moving forward. The motion was approved.
- 15-15 CAS Promotion and Tenure New Language. Dean Stephenson was present to discuss the changes. She noted that the changes brought CAS in line with the rest of the university and cleared up some ambiguities in various places. Russell moved to change section d because it defined publication too narrowly. Stephenson noted that she wouldn’t accept this as a friendly amendment since the language presented had been vetted at several levels throughout CAS and this didn’t come up as an issue. The friendly amendment was withdrawn by Russell. The motion was passed. Schmidt then made a motion to put 15-15 on a consent agenda for General Faculty; this motion was approved.
- 15-16 BS in AN Forensics New Program. Childers and Sundal were on hand to answer questions about the new program. Schmidt asked how the tenure line was getting funded. Childers said that this would hopefully come from the state but that it wasn’t for sure. Childers argued that it makes logical sense to fund it since they built the building. She noted that it won’t be an issue for 15-16, and then hopefully someone will be in place in 16-17. Sundal said we can look into phased implementation of the teaching responsibilities. Schmidt asked if it could be done with no funding. Childers said “not long term”. Schmidt asked if it was responsible for us to pass it if we weren’t sure we could get what we need. Childers said this was a valid point and that we couldn’t do this long term with adjuncts. Pembrook noted that we have been told to design the programs and funding will be resolved later. He is preparing for the President the budget we have to have to sustain these new programs for the KBI building. It makes him nervous to invite students to move here and begin a program without knowing if we can continue. He believes we need to have this sustainable budget and hopefully we can get funding from the state at least in part, but this is a difficult time for that. Schmidt followed up asking about our current budget outlook. Pembrook says we need to look at the budget minimums and we’re using estimates from new students versus revenue created by the new program. Petersen asked about faculty expertise in this area—do we have enough to staff the classes? Sundal said we have two faculty who can, but a third is necessary for all of the new courses. Petersen asked if there’s no money, what’s the impact to the department. Childers said we don’t really know and that we’re going on faith that there will be some money that will be

there. We're hoping by year five this will be a self-sustaining program. We cannot take out the necessity of a new tenured faculty line. Schbley asked if adjuncts could work. Sundal said no—we wouldn't have reliable access because the area of forensics anthropology is so specialized. Petersen asked if the services offered to the KBI through the program/department could be used to generate revenue. Childers said these individuals wouldn't be board certified which may or may not work for testifying purposes by the KBI. Pembroke reminded the group that there is a commitment of money to this program, though it was originally only for equipment. This could be changed to a funding source for faculty (in short, there is some money in reserve to start). Schmidt said that this worried him since we're borrowing from some program to pay for others (not a great long-term policy). Moddelmog said maybe we have to approve the program first before moving forward. Scofield asked about how many programs like this existed in the US. Childers said there were only 6. Scofield then asked about the pool—is this a high interest among students? Sundal said yes and noted that many students have already started contacting her about it. The program was approved.

- 15-17 Educational Studies New Program. Rettig was on hand to discuss the change. Schmidt asked Rettig to clarify the teaching needs under the new program; Rettig noted that they could be taught by existing faculty and adjuncts. Rettig noted that the costs for adjuncts would be absorbed by the revenue generated by the program. The motion was approved.
- 15-18 New Program in ESOL. Rettig was on hand to discuss the change. Petersen asked if this was undergraduate or graduate; Michael said it was undergrad. It was approved.

X. Information Items: None

XI. Discussion Items: None

XII. Announcements:

- Ball: Welcome Sean Stacey, our new Senator from the Mabee Library—our new rep.
- Schmidt: Apeiron is on April 25, 2015 and registration is open.

XIII. President Ball adjourned the meeting at 4:00pm