

# Washburn Board of Regents/Washburn Tech Advisory Committee

## MINUTES

May 26, 2009

Chairperson Warren called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. in the Conference Center at Washburn Tech.

### *Advisory members present:*

Mr. Ben Blair  
Mr. Jim Lagerberg  
Mrs. Maggie Warren

### *Washburn staff members present:*

Dr. Jerry Farley  
Dr. Robin Bowen  
Dr. Roxanne Kelly

### *Other Washburn Tech staff members present:*

Ms. Eileen Caspers, associate director, Curriculum & Instruction  
Mr. Bryce Decker, senior network specialist, ISS  
Ms. Patty McAlexander, assistant to Dean  
Ms. Wanda Schumacher, coordinator, Health Occupations  
Ms. Kathryn Stroebele, associate director, Student Services  
Mr. Jonathan Wimer, team leader, Business & Industry

## Introductions

Chairperson Warren introduced Dr. Roxanne Kelly, dean, at Washburn Tech. Roxanne introduced the Washburn Tech staff—Eileen Caspers, Bryce Decker, Patty McAlexander, Wanda Schumacher, Kathryn Stroebele and Jonathan Wimer.

## Overview of Washburn Tech

Roxanne provided a PowerPoint presentation of the following information:

- *Who are we?* Washburn Tech currently has a staff of 69 employees.  
35 full-time instructors; 23 classified staff; 3 counselors/advisors; 1 financial aid officer; 3 Career Resource Center staff and 4 administrators

Effective July 1, 2009, Washburn Tech plans to restructure similar to Washburn. An Associate Dean of Instruction will be hired as soon as possible.

- *What do we offer?* Twenty-four (24) programs—offering a 48 credit certificate or a 24 credit certificate. Since the affiliation with WU, plans are to explore “*how to offer Associate Degrees in some programs.*” Twelve (12) programs currently offer industry-recognized certificates. KBOR wants as many industry-

recognized certificates as possible to validate what WIT programs provide versus the outcomes produced.

- *Who are our students?* The student population is predominately white (more males than females; however the gap is closing). Plans are to focus on reaching out to the underserved populations. *Note: This data is self-reported by students.*
- *Where do they come from?* Half of the students who attend WIT come from the 17 consortium school districts—within a 50-mile radius; these school districts are strong partners/advocates for Washburn Tech.

Postsecondary students who attend WIT are also within a 50-mile radius. WIT is just beginning to venturing into on-line learning which will broaden the postsecondary student enrollment.

Continuing Education students come from a broader area—from Williamsburg to Overland Park.

- *How many students do we serve?* Based on the 20<sup>th</sup> day count in February of the 2008-09 school year, there were 327 postsecondary students and 347 secondary students.
- *How are we funded?* Based on last year's budget, tuition (including payments from the 17 consortium school districts) accounted for 43% or \$2.5million dollars; the state contribution was 43% or \$2.6 million dollars; other income such as Federal Pell Grants, federal loans and small amounts of interest income.
- *How does our tuition compare?* Based on data from 2008-09 that was reported to the state, these amounts are tuition only—no fees/supplies. Washburn Tech (formerly KATS) had one of the lowest tuition rates in the state at \$68.00 per credit hour with Wichita Area Tech at the highest rate of \$99.00 per credit hour. All tech schools/colleges in the state anticipate a tuition increase for 2009-10.

### Industrial Megatronics Proposal

- Two Proposals: \$1 Million and \$10.2 Million were sent to Senator Brownback's office for review. Senator Roberts and Congresswoman Lynn Jenkins are very supportive of the proposals.
  - \$1 Million Dollar Proposal
    - Write curriculum for 3 specialized programs:
      - Electrical/Electronics/Robotics, Mechanical, and Fluid Power
      - Purchase equipment for Electrical/Electronic and Mechanical
      - Remodel existing space to meet electrical demands
      - Train/educate an additional 30 students
  - \$10.2 Million Dollar Proposal
    - Construct a building for 4 programs:
      - Industrial Technology
      - Electrical/Electronics/Robotics

- Mechanical
  - Fluid Power
- Purchase equipment
- Develop curriculum
- Develop certification assessment in all four programs
- Train/educate an additional 300 students
- Presentation of both proposals were made to:
  - Topeka Chamber of Commerce
  - GO Topeka
  - Heartland Visioning Education Committee and Steering Committee
  - Washburn Tech General Advisory Committee
  - Washburn Board of Regents
  - Intergovernmental Taxing Committee of Shawnee County
- Targeted Audience
  - 28 occupational titles have been identified that require this training
  - Small companies need one or two individuals knowledgeable about all areas; Large companies need individuals in specialties
  - An example of the demand: For the Goodyear' Maintenance Training Program, there are an average of 300 people for 6 available positions

### New Program Planned WIT

- Certified Logistics Technician Program
  - Offer in January 2010
  - Provide training to work in large warehousing units in Topeka

### Future Meeting Dates & Locations

- This committee plans to attend 2009-10 General Advisory Committee (GAC) meetings whenever possible.
  - A membership list of the GAC and GAC meeting dates for 2009-10 will be sent to each WUBOR Advisory Committee member.
  - The bi-monthly WIT newsletter will be sent to each member of the WUBOR.
  - Roxanne will communicate with Chairperson Warren if additional meetings of the WUBOR Advisory Committee need to take place.

### Adjournment

There being no further business, Maggie Warren adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m. *The next scheduled Washburn Tech General Advisory Council meeting will be Wednesday, September 9, 2009, at noon in the Conference Center.*