

**WASHBURN UNIVERSITY OF TOPEKA**  
**BOARD OF REGENTS**  
**MINUTES**  
**July 24, 2009**

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**I. Call to Order**

Chairperson Blair called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. in Room 327 of the School of Law on the Washburn University campus.

**II. Roll Call**

Present were: Mr. Blair, Mr. Bunten, Mr. Lagerberg, Ms. Marquardt, Mrs. Parks, Mr. Roth, Mr. Storey and Mrs. Warren.

**III. FY 2010 PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING**

Chairperson Blair declared the public hearing on the University's FY 2010 Public Budget open. One speaker, Mary Lou Herring, 3106 SW College, Topeka, Kansas addressed the Board on the budget. There were no other persons wishing to be heard. Chairperson Blair then closed the public hearing.

It was moved and seconded to approve the FY 2010 Public Budget set forth in the agenda item. Motion passed.

**IV. Approval of Minutes of the June 26, 2009 meeting as mailed.**

It was moved and seconded to approve the Minutes of the June 26, 2009 meeting as amended, reflecting Regents Roth's and Marquardt's no vote on the roundabout resolution. Motion passed.

**V. Officer Reports**

**A. Chair's Report**

Chairperson Blair thanked the members of the Board of Regents for allowing him to be Chair. He said it is a high responsibility and honor. He said he also wanted to thank publicly Regent Storey for the job he did as Chair for the previous two years.

He said the University has completed eleven of its most successful years, noting there has been a renaissance in facilities and an increase in enrollments as Washburn has enlightened thousands of lives and been a beacon of light in our community. He said the University has taken center stage in the community and we all can take pride in our accomplishments. He noted President Farley has brought new energy, new neckwear and new vision for the University and we are grateful for his leadership.

He said the University is at a crossroads and must decide which path to take as the country is mired in recession with societal problems to navigate which we accept with Kansas pragmatism. He said we have an opportunity in adversity, just as we did in 1966 following the tornado. He said we are now engaged, with the vision of Regent Storey, in a strategic planning process establishing a new vision, new goals and new strategy for the University and we will do our best to seize the opportunity for the University.

Chairperson Blair then circulated the **1. Proposed Board Meeting Dates – 2009-2010** and **2. Committee Appointments**. It was moved and seconded to approve the dates and appointments. Motion passed.

## **B. President's Report**

President Farley updated the Board on the Washburn Transformational Experience, noting that the budget approved reduced funding for WTE. He said, as a refresher, the WTE concept was born in 2004 in a retreat of deans and academic administrators based on a concept already in place in several departments which utilized a capstone experience. He said the program also exists in some form in a number of private schools. He said the WTE focuses on four areas – international, creative, leadership and community service – and the program was approved in 2005. He said that during the implementation period, the institution probably did not do as well marketing the experience explaining it to students or internal marketing to faculty and departments. He said there also had been issues related to faculty compensation which since have been worked out. He said with the mandatory budget cuts there have been questions whether the program should remain a degree requirement or be an elective. He said with the \$300,000 cut, reassessment now is required and the academic administration will be looking at how to restructure the program and will come back to the Board of Regents by the end of the Fall semester.

He asked WSGA President, Garrett Love, to brief the Board on a survey he had undertaken of student leaders on the WTE. Mr. Love said students who have already completed the WTE feel it was a good experience and they all made positive statements about it. He also noted, however, that a great percentage of students don't want extra work and others reported they knew some students who had left or wouldn't come to Washburn with the WTE required.

Dr. Farley also invited the President of the Faculty Senate, Dr. Prasch, who said that he could not speak for the entire faculty, but is an enthusiastic defender of the program. He said it's a signature program and that students have an enormously positive experience.

President Farley reported today was the final new student orientation and that approximately 140 new students were on the campus. He reported the number of applications for admission were up approximately six percent and that we are a few students over in direct high school matriculants and also up in transfer students. He said he believes enrollment will be up in the number of students, but doesn't know how that will translate in student credit hours enrollment.

## **C. Committee Report(s)**

There were no committee reports.

## **D. Treasurer's Report**

It was moved and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report: **1. Depository Security Transactions, 2. Liquidated Claims Approval – June 2009, 3. Public fund Investments – June 2009, and 4. FY '09 Year End (4<sup>th</sup> Quarter) Report.** Motion passed.

## **VI. New Business**

### **A. Consent Agenda:**

It was moved and seconded to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed.

As approved by action of the Board:

#### **1. Washburn University Policy and Procedures Manual – Identity Theft “Red Flag” Policy**

the Identity Theft “Red Flag” section of the Washburn University Policies, Regulations and Procedures Manual as shown in the agenda item;

#### **2. Report of Purchases between \$25,001 and \$50,000**

award of contracts to: ISG Technology, Inc. in the amount of \$26,946.00 to upgrade switching modules in the ISS Dept.; GE Healthcare Bio-Sciences in the amount of \$29,876.52 for ATKA Purifier in the Chemistry Dept.; and, Gaumard Scientific Co. in the amount of \$43,288.44 for an adult simulation mannequin in the Nursing simulation lab; and,

#### **\* 3. Personnel Actions – Administrative Staff**

appointment of Jill A. McCartney as Assistant Athletics Director beginning August 3, 2009 at an annual salary of \$50,000.

\* Item added at the meeting with the consent of the Board.

### **B. Action Items:**

#### **1. Approval of FY2010 KTWU PBS Dues and Membership, National Program Service, and PBS Program Financing Plan**

It was moved and seconded to approve payment of annual PBS dues and membership fees, NPS licensing and copyright fees and PFP fees as outlined in the agenda item. Motion passed.

#### **2. Master of Science in Nursing, Clinical Nurse Leader**

It was moved and seconded to approve the Master of Science in Nursing, Clinical Nurse Leader as outlined in the agenda item. Motion passed.

**3. Revision of the Catalog Language on Repetition of Courses**

It was moved and seconded to approve the Revision of the Catalog Language on Repetition of Courses as outlined in the agenda item. Motion passed.

**4. Expenditures over \$50,001**

**a. Construction Change Order No. 008 – Whiting Field House Renovation**

It was moved and seconded to approve Construction Change Order No. 008 for the Whiting Field House renovation as outlined in the agenda item. Motion passed.

**b. Computer Purchases**

It was moved and seconded to ratify the award of a contract to Dell Marketing in the amount of \$184,800 for purchase of computers as outlined in the agenda item. Motion passed.

**5. Personnel**

**a. School of Nursing Dean**

It was moved and seconded to approve the award of tenure to Dr. Monica Scheibmeir as Dean of the School of Nursing effective August 1, 2009. Motion passed.

**6. RFP for Facilities Management and Operations**

President Farley noted the agenda item was for the authority to issue an RFP which would be carefully crafted by Vice President Hill and staff and even possibly bringing in a consultant to help with it and to perform evaluations of proposals received. He said this was not a decision reached hastily as a way to achieve savings which can't be realized in any other way. He noted we do not yet know whether there will be additional cuts beyond the \$225,000 announced by Governor Parkinson last month or whether the sales tax revenues will rebound.

It was moved to approve the issuance of an RFP for Facilities Management and Operations. Motion died for lack of a second.

**C. Information Item(s):**

**1. Student Recreation and Wellness Center**

President Farley introduced Joel Bluml, Director of the Student Recreation and Wellness Center, and Celeste Ehrenberg, Washburn's Wellness Director. Mr. Bluml made a presentation outlining the service provided students by the SRWC. He said the SRWC is intended to help in recruitment, retention of students through quality customer service, student faculty and staff co-curricular development, and, incidentally, serves as the largest employer of students on campus. He said the mission of the SRWC is to enrich campus life and to inculcate a culture of wellness.

It was moved and seconded to include members of the Board of Regents among persons who may join the Student Recreation and Wellness Center. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairperson Blair said he wanted to note that he was the individual encouraging President Farley to have the item on Request for Proposals for Facilities Management and Operations. He said the timing is very important as these are such uncertain times. We don't know how much funding we'll receive from the state or what's going to happen in enrollment or in sales tax collections. He said he viewed this as a fair way to make an assessment in case we are faced with the issue of making huge budget cuts at the first of the year.

President Farley noted that it was not about the bargaining unit, but a function of the grounds, custodial and maintenance services and what we could do to save money for the University. He asked the Executive Director of Governmental Relations/University Relations, David Monical, to repeat the information he provided the Strategic Planning Committee that morning.

Mr. Monical, the Executive Director of Governmental Relations/University Relations, reported that the state's pooled money investment board had been advised that the state will essentially exhaust its borrowing capacity by the end of the year. Mr. Monical said the state's pooled money investment board is contemplating the elimination of transferring funds to local entities who have the ability to issue no-fund warrants; and diverting motor vehicle fuels tax to the general fund which has never been done in the state's history.

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Kenneth P. Hackler  
Secretary, Board of Regents