President Farley introduced Baili Zhang, Director of International Programs. The presentation on International Programs was given by Baili Zhang beginning at 4:30 p.m. instead of at the close of the meeting. See Item V.C.1.

I. Call to Order

Chairperson Marquardt called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the McGivern Room of the Bianchino Pavilion on the Washburn University campus following the International Program Presentation by Baili Zhang.

II. Roll Call

Present were: Mr. Bunten, Mr. Klausman, Mr. Lagerberg, Mr. Lykins, Ms. Marquardt, Mr. Moses, Mrs. Parks and Mrs. Warren.

III. Approval of Minutes of the September 24, 2010 meeting as mailed.

It was moved to approve the Minutes of the September 24, 2010 meeting. Regent Moses moved that the minutes be amended to correct spelling error in Section V.B, first line. Motion was seconded and it was passed to accept the September 24, 2010 minutes as amended.

IV. Officer Reports

A. Chair's Report

There was no Chair’s report.

B. President's Report

President Farley reported that Mayor Bunten called to his attention the Washburn Mock Trial team had a successful first tournament and President Farley wanted to recognize them and extend congratulations, stating the team is off to a great start this year.

Dr. Farley said he invited Richard Anderson to become Vice President for Administration and Treasurer, and November 1, 2010 is his start date. He thanked John Moore for his excellent work as interim VPAT the last seven months.

President Farley reported that Dr. Hornberger prepared for the Shawnee County Intergovernmental Cooperation Council a discussion of the overall economic impact Washburn University provides to the City of Topeka and Shawnee County.
President Farley said Washburn University employs approximately 800 people plus 64 at Washburn Institute of Technology. The total FY 2011 budget is $84 million: 73% for salaries, wages and benefits ($61M); 27% for other operating expenses ($23M). Using a multiplier of 2, the economic impact is $168 million for Shawnee County.

President Farley noted that Washburn hosts numerous activities that bring people onto campus, such as the volleyball game tonight, as well as numerous other athletic, artistic and musical events. President Farley also noted numerous outreach projects to the community, stating Washburn has an impact in Topeka and Shawnee County which we think is a positive impact. Other school districts and other taxing authorities also sit on the Shawnee County Intergovernmental Council.

President Farley discussed the Bonner Foundation and the Bonner Leader Scholarships that involve community service, stating that Bonner Scholars must commit to 900 hours of community service over two years. He reported this year Washburn is hosting the Bonner Foundation Conference for the first time on campus. Washburn is bringing in two delegates from each school that participates in the Bonner Foundation Scholarships from across the country. Dr. Farley recognized the work of Dr. Rick Ellis who directs the program.

Regent Lykins asked about the final Washburn Institute of Technology enrollment numbers. President Farley stated there was some confusion on the reporting date resulting in a report of enrollment being down by 5.7% when in fact the end result is a actually a 5.9% increase.

C. Committee Report(s)

There were no committee reports.

D. Treasurer's Report

Interim Vice President for Administration and Treasurer, John Moore, presented the Treasurer’s Report 1. Depository Security Transactions, and 2. Liquidated Claims Approval – October 2010 for approval. The report was accepted.

Mr. Moore thanked the VPAT staff that has welcomed him and supported him during his time as Interim VPAT.

V. 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. Personnel

   a. Faculty/Staff Personnel Actions

      promotion of J. Harrison Watts to Assistant Professor, Criminal Justice, retroactive to August 2010; use $33,087 from vacant School of Business position to replace Foundation funds for FY’11 for Janice Schrum;
2. Expenditures
   a. Report of Purchases between $25,001 and $50,000
      award of contracts to: Larcan USA Inc., Lafayette, Colorado in the amount of
      $49,969.00 to purchase digital conversion package for KTWU; and Southwest
      Contract, Temple, Texas in the amount of $36,177.92 to purchase new furniture for
      Phi Delta Theta residence.

B. Action Items:

1. Classroom Renovation Henderson Learning Resource Center – Project #C09045
   Interim Vice President for Administration and Treasurer, John Moore, reported Kelly
   Construction Company, Inc., located in Topeka, had the lowest bid and recommended
   approval to accept the bid. Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs, Nancy Tate,
   gave a short report of the background for the proposed renovation, stating there is an area
   of the basement that has been occupied but will be better used as classroom and lab
   space but requires renovation. Regent Warren recused herself due to potential conflict.
   Regent Moses inquired as to whether a study had been done for the proposed use(s). Dr.
   Tate indicated it had been previously reviewed by faculty, and further answered the
   question as to whether there will be uses other than classrooms, stating there will be
   video editing labs as well. It was moved and seconded to accept the bid by Kelly
   Construction Company, Inc. for the renovation. Motion passed.

2. Proposal to Amend Faculty Handbook/University By-Laws on Voting Status of
   Full-Time Lecturers – Second Reading
   Dr. Tate reiterated the recommendation to amend the faculty handbook to allow
   Lecturers to vote in General Faculty meetings. Motion made and seconded. Motion
   passed.

* 3. City of Topeka, STAR Bonds Refinancing
   Chairperson Marquardt stated that an action item had been added to the agenda. Mayor
   Bunten made a motion to put the STAR bond item to the agenda. Mayor Bunten
   explained that approval is required by the Washburn Board of Regents for the City of
   Topeka to re-fund STAR bonds from 4.5% to 3% saving $50,000 to $60,000. Washburn
   University needs to approve it along with the City and Shawnee County.

   Mr. Jim Langford from the City of Topeka explained it would allow the City to pay off
   old bonds and refinance new ones. Mr. Langford reported that they expect a $700,000
   savings over the life of the bonds.

   Regent Moses asked if there is a financial impact to Washburn and Mr. Langford stated
   it would not affect Washburn financially. It was moved and seconded to approve the re-
   financing of the STAR bonds. Motion passed.

* Item added at the meeting with the consent of the Board.
C. Information Item(s):

1. International Programs Presentation

Prior to the call to order of the meeting, Baili Zhang provided a presentation highlighting International Programs at Washburn. Mr. Zhang began by noting the strong faculty support for the programs, particularly in the International Education Committee, curricular development and the visiting scholars program. The goal of the International Office is to enhance campus-wide awareness of the value of international educational experiences. The School of Business has a high percentage of faculty from other countries and the International Office is trying to establish inbound and outbound visiting professors on an international level with greater participation. There are international lectures each week that feature speakers both on campus and off campus relating to international subjects and experiences. The community relations component of the International Office includes collaboration with the International Center of Topeka that provides English tutoring to international students, and helps provide food for students arriving before the cafeteria opens; and the Topeka Friendship Network, which is a group that hosts students when the University is not open. There are various other types of support for international students from the International Student Support Group, local churches and other groups.

Mr. Zhang discussed the importance of international education and the transformational experiences of those that participate, including greater emotional stability. In addition, international students, on average, bring over 5,000 credit hours per year to Washburn. The goals are to bring in more international students and send more students abroad; bring in more international visiting faculty; and send more visiting faculty abroad. This is a stated objective of the newly adopted Strategic Plan. Mr. Zhang thanked the Board and answered questions.

VI. Executive Session

It was moved and seconded to go into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss a personnel matter. Motion passed. The Board recessed to Executive Session at 5:30 p.m.

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 5:45 p.m. It was moved and seconded to recess to Executive Session for a period of 10 minutes. Motion passed. The Board recessed to Executive Session at 5:45 p.m.

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 5:55 p.m. It was moved and seconded to approve the request of Dr. Robin Bowen for leave without pay, with benefits, and with the modification that the duration be for one semester beginning with the Spring, 2011 semester with the expectation Dr. Bowen would return in August, 2011 to teach. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

/s/
Lisa R. Jones
Secretary, Board of Regents