

**WASHBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS**  
**Budget/Finance Committee Meeting**  
**December 4, 2009**

Regents Present: Jim Roth, Chair, Christel Marquardt, Ben Blair, Bill Bunten, Jim Lagerberg, Blanche Parks, Maggie Warren

Staff Present: Jerry Farley, Wanda Hill, Denise Ottinger, Chris Leach, Rhonda Thornburgh, Melodie Christal, Loren Ferre

- Minutes of the June 26, 2009 meeting were approved as distributed.
- Fall 2009 Enrollment Report -
  - President Farley reviewed the enrollment report.
    - The possibility of charging a nominal fee to senior citizens who audit classes was discussed. Senior citizens can audit classes free of charge as long as class space is available. Currently 114 seniors are auditing classes. It was noted the seniors contribute to the mill levy and this service the University provides promotes goodwill in the community.
    - Marketing of on-line courses was discussed. President Farley indicated the University is working to increase the number of on-line offerings.
- Tuition and Fee Analysis 2009-10 –
  - President Farley reviewed the tuition analysis, noting tuition and fees at Washburn have increased by 95% over the last ten years while most peer institutions have increased over 100% for the same period.
- Faculty Salary Analysis 2008-09 –
  - President Farley noted in FY 98 University salaries were 10.3% behind peer institutions. Steady progress was made in reducing the gap until last year.
  - Chairman Roth indicated our figures are a little misleading since we now use the merit increase program and better instructors receive a higher salary increase.
  - Regent Warren asked to see a complete salary package comparison since benefits should also be taken into consideration.
- Budget Reductions FY 09 and FY 10 and Issues for FY 11 -
  - Vice President Hill provided a Power Point presentation outlining the current budget issues. Washburn is a tuition-driven institution so there is more pressure on tuition and fees to make up the deficits in sales tax and the State operating grant.
  - Total revenue shortfall of \$2,537,736 for FY 10 was offset by expenditure reductions to balance the budget.
  - An additional reduction of up to \$750,000 may be needed for this year's budget. President Farley indicated we will need to wait on Spring enrollment figures to determine just what reductions will be necessary.
  - Issues for FY 11 -
    - The administration learned last week the FY 11 State funding will go down another .3% for a total of 2.3%.
    - The possibility of offering another early retirement incentive program was discussed.
    - Outsourcing was discussed. It was moved and seconded to recommend the Board of Regents approve an RFP asking for proposals to outsource the facilities services operations. Motion passed.
- Meeting was adjourned.