

**Faculty Senate  
Washburn University**

*Minutes of October 9, 2006 Meeting  
Kansas Room, Memorial Union*

Present: Baker, Bayens, Borden, Boyd, Camarda, Carpenter, Dinkel, A. Evans, Jackson, Jacobs (President), Liang, Lockwood, Martin, Meador, Munzer, Ockree, Palmer, Patzel, Pownell, Ray, Roach, Russell, C. Schmidt, S. Schmidt, Shea (WSGA Vice President), Shipley, L. Smith, Smith-Collins (proxy for Renn-Scanlan), C. Sullivan, S. Sullivan, Van Dalsen (Washburn Review), Walker, Wasserstein

- I. The meeting of the Faculty Senate was called to order at 3:30 PM.
- II. The minutes of the September 11th, 2006 Faculty Senate meeting were approved.
- III. President's Opening Remarks.
  - A. President Jacobs announced that a Faculty Senate representative was needed for the WTE Leadership Committee. Sharon Sullivan volunteered for the position. Those in attendance unanimously approved her.
- IV. Report from the Faculty Representatives to the Board of Regents.
  - A. At the September 22nd, 2006 meeting of the Board of Regents, the Board granted Emeritus status to Virgie Smith and designated Jim Concannon Distinguished Professor of Law. The phased retirements of Allan Riveland and Larry Blumberg were approved. Approval was also given to the renewal of the University Health plan at the same fees, to the joint JD/MSW Degree program, and to \$450,000 in classroom renovations, including the renovation of the Trading room/Showcase classroom/Board Room Suite project for the School of Business.
  - B. Enrollment Management reported that the number of students enrolled at Washburn University for this semester was down very slightly relative to last year. In 2005, 7261 students were enrolled with credit hours totaling 80,160. This year, 7182 students were enrolled and credit hours totaled 80,030.
- V. Faculty Senate Committee Reports.
  - A. The minutes of the Academic Affairs Committee of 09/18/2006 were accepted.
  - B. The minutes of the Faculty Affairs Committee (FAC) of 09/20/2006 were accepted.
  - C. Rebecca Meador gave a report of the Electoral Committee. It was noted that Pat Munzer was elected as an At-Large member of the Faculty Senate. As a reminder, a replacement was needed for Candy Bahner who had previously been elected an At-Large member and has since left Washburn University.
- VI. University Committee Minutes.
  - A. The minutes of the International Education Committee meeting of 09/07/2006 were accepted.

VII. Old Business.

- A. Approval was given to the program changes in the B.P.A., B.S. in Chemistry, and B.S. in Athletic Training programs (06-08).
- B. Discussion as given to the FAC recommendation of the Review of Faculty Handbook Guidelines Regarding Faculty Sabbaticals (05-02). The motion was made to add the following sentence to the Faculty Handbook: "The Sabbatical Committee shall give to unsuccessful applicants a brief narrative outlining the strengths and weaknesses of their sabbatical proposals." The motion was approved. Those in attendance also supported the motion that the FAC review the issue of increasing the maximum number of sabbaticals that can be granted at a particular time as well as the financial implications associated with such an increase.
- C. Discussion was also given to the Process and Procedures for Faculty Violation of Washburn University's Conflict of Interest Policy (06-02). The motion to refer it back to the FAC for further consideration and deliberation was approved.
- D. With regard to Funding for Research Grants (06-10), the FAC recommended that the grant fund be restored to its previous level of \$100,000. Those in attendance agreed that a rationale for the increase should accompany the recommendation. The motion to approve the recommendation, with the inclusion of a rationale, passed.

VIII.. New Business. There was no New Business.

IX. Discussion Items.

- A. Those in attendance were requested to send any comments they have about the Conflict of Interest Policy to Brenda Patzel, Chair of the FAC, and Park Lockwood, Secretary to the FAC. Comments should be sent within three weeks of today's meeting.

X. Announcements.

- A. Karen Ray announced that approximately 13 percent of the students and approximately 40 percent of the faculty had completed the academic integrity survey.

XI. The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Mike Russell, Secretary to the Faculty Senate