

**Faculty Senate
Washburn University**

*Minutes of November 13, 2006 Meeting
Kansas Room, Memorial Union*

Present: Bayens, Borden, Boyd, Camarda, Carpenter, Dick (proxy), A. Evans, S. Elisha, Jacobs (President), Liang, Lockwood, Martin, Meador, Munzer, Nobo, Palmer, Patzel, Pownell, Prash, Ray, Renn-Scanlan, Roach, Russell, C. Schmidt, S. Schmidt, Shald (WSGA President), Shipley, L. Smith, C. Sullivan, S. Sullivan, Tutweiler (guest), Walker, Wasserstein

- I. The meeting of the Faculty Senate was called to order at 3:30 PM.
- II. The minutes of the October 9th, 2006 Faculty Senate meeting were approved.
- III. President's Opening Remarks.
 - A. The President noted that the addition to the agenda of the Changes in the Promotion and Tenure policy for the School of Applied Studies (06-12) would be treated as New Business.
 - B. Discussion was given to the date of the next Faculty Senate meeting. It was agreed to treat this item as New Business.
- IV. Report from the Faculty Representatives to the Board of Regents.
 - A. The Board of Regents approved \$148,076 for the purchase of computer equipment earmarked for the High Performance Computing Environment. The primary purposes of the project are to: create a high performance computing environment that stimulates and enhances student learning and research across and among a variety of disciplines; provide students and faculty with advanced visualization tools and virtual laboratory environments; and enhance teacher education, especially in the sciences.
 - B. Carol Vogel reported on Washburn University's self-study of Title IX/Gender Equity in Intercollegiate Athletics which was completed in the summer 2006. The committee found that the university is in excellent condition with regard to compliance. Minor recommendations were made.
- V. Faculty Senate Committee Reports.
 - A. The minutes of the Academic Affairs Committee of 10/02/2006 and 10/16/2006 were accepted.
- VI. University Committee Minutes.
 - A. The minutes of the International Education Committee meeting of October 12, 2006 were accepted.
- VII. Old Business.
 - A. Proposed changes to the Master's of Education Initial Teaching License (Secondary/P-12) and Curriculum and Instruction (06-11) programs were approved.

VIII.. New Business.

- A. Discussion was given to the Changes in the Promotion and Tenure policy for the School of Applied Studies (06-12). The motion to close the discussion and to treat the proposed changes as a second reading at the next meeting of the Faculty Senate was made, seconded, and approved.
- B. It was agreed that the next meeting of the Faculty Senate would be November 27, 2006.

IX. Discussion Items.

- A. Jorge Nobo reported that, beginning January 1, 2007, individuals making voluntary contributions to TIAA accounts would have their personal contributions be counted as Supplemental Retirement Annuity (SRA). Discussion was given to this issue. Due to confusion over this matter, Nan Palmer offered to discuss this issue at the upcoming Benefits Committee meeting.
- B. Loran Smith inquired about the procedures/process involved in helping students declare a Washburn Transformational Experience (WTE) and the degree to which new students are aware and knowledgeable about this graduation requirement. The VPAA agreed to email the web address for the WTE to the faculty so as to better provide the faculty with information about the WTE. Cecil Schmidt reported that Donna Lalonde, Area Director for the Creative and Scholarly WTE, will provide the application form for those seeking to declare that particular WTE.

X. Announcements. There were no announcements.

XI. The meeting was adjourned at 4:11 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Mike Russell, Secretary to the Faculty Senate