

**Faculty Senate
Washburn University**

*Minutes of November 12, 2007 Meeting
Kansas Room, Memorial Union*

Present: Bowen (VPAA), Boyd, Camarda, Chorba, Concannon, Cook, Croucher, DePue, Ginzburg, Jackson, Lunte, Martin, Munzer, Nobo, Ockree, Patzel, Peterson, Pownell, Prasz, Ray, Renn-Scanlan, Roach, Rodriquez, Russell, C. Schmidt, S. Schmidt, Sharafy, Shipley, C. Sullivan, S. Sullivan, Walker

- I. The meeting of the Faculty Senate was called to order at 3:32 PM.
- II. The minutes of the October 8th, 2007 Faculty Senate meeting were approved.
- III. Vice President's Opening Remarks.
 - A. Vice President Martin announced that President Jacobs had undergone open-heart surgery and would unlikely be attending Faculty Senate meetings for the remainder of the Fall 2007 semester. VP Martin also noted that that the surgery went fine and that Russ is resting comfortably.
 - B. Vice President inquired about the Faculty Senate meeting location and time. Those in attendance agreed that the Kansas room of the Memorial Union was an acceptable location and that the meetings should remain on Mondays at 3:30 PM for the Spring 2008 semester.
- IV. Report from the Faculty Representatives to the Board of Regents.
 - A. President Farley announced that the University will be closed for the winter break beginning Monday, December 24, 2007.
- V. Faculty Senate Committee Reports.
 - A. The minutes of the Academic Affairs Committee meetings of 09/17/2007 and 10/15/2007 were accepted.
 - B. The minutes of the Faculty Affairs Committee meeting of 10/25/2007 were accepted.
- VI. University Committee Minutes. There were no University Committee minutes.
- VII. Old Business.
 - A. A motion was made to approve the "Proposed program changes and deletions to Art and English" (07-05). The motion was seconded and approved.
 - B. A motion was made to approve the action item entitled, "Revising the Faculty Senate Constitution" (07-10). The motion was seconded and approved.
- VIII. New Business.
 - A. With respect to "Revising the Faculty Senate Constitution" (07-10), discussion was given to the phrase, "advice and counsel." The phrase was considered too vague. Also discussed was the distinction between administrative responsibilities and programmatic changes. The motion was made to amend the description by adding the sentence, "Programmatic changes require Faculty Senate approval."

The motion was seconded and approved. It was recommended that the next reading occur when President Jacobs, the originator of the action item, returns.

IX. Information Items.

A. VPAA Bowen mentioned that the first meeting of the WTE Compensation committee was held. It was mentioned that two of the four Deans presented their thoughts involving WTE compensation. VPAA Bowen stated that it is likely that the issue of WTE compensation is likely to take some time to finalize.

X. Discussion Items.

A. It was suggested that any recommendation from the task force discussing the issue of the role of the IRB in reviewing human subject research should be sent to the Academic Affairs Committee for review and consideration. It was argued that any recommendation may have wide-ranging curricular implications and, thus, should be addressed by the AAC.

B. Karen Ray, Chair of the Academic Integrity Committee (AIC), presented and briefly answered questions regarding the responses obtained from the focus groups.

XI. The meeting was adjourned at 4:19 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Mike Russell, Secretary to the Faculty Senate