Faculty Senate
Washburn University

Minutes of January 24, 2011
Kansas Room, Memorial Union

Present: Arterburn, Averett, Barker, Bird, Blank, Childers, Croucher, Dodge, Edwards, Fernengel, Jacobs, Janzen, Kelly, Kowalski, Lunte, McBeth, Melick, Menzie, Ockree, Pembrook (VPAA), Roach, Routsong, Sanchez, Sharafy, Shaver, Sheldon, Stover, Tate (AVPAA), Wagner, Wohl

A. The meeting of the Faculty Senate was called to order at 3:32 PM. Russ Jacobs presiding.

B. The minutes of the Faculty Senate meeting of December 13, 2010 were approved.

C. President’s Opening Remarks.
President Jacobs introduced and welcomed Dr. Randy Pembrook, VPAA, who began at WU on January 18. Jacobs also asked that the senate hold its next meeting on February 14 to get back on the second Monday schedule. He also announced that two members will be replaced due to a sabbatical and schedule conflict (Ramirez and Gonzalez-Abellas). He will contact them to designate replacements.

D. Report from the Faculty Representatives to the Board of Regents
Jacobs reported that the BoR has not met since our last meeting, but will be doing so on Wednesday, January 26. However, the audit and finance committees have met. The BoR audit committee received a good report from RubinBrown, the outside auditor. Jacobs also reported that the Budget and Finance Committee has met and began to construct the next years budget. They agree on the budget constraints, which included a 2% salary increase for faculty and staff.

VP Bill Roach commented that the auditor did not comment on the whistleblower policy because they were not aware that it had been addressed by the BoR. They did have security issues with Banner accounts, and had a long list of needs to be fixed, including changing passwords more often. There are three separate audit reports – University, Athletics, and KTWU. If any member would like to see a copy, they can contact Roach and he will send it electronically.

E. Faculty Senate Committee Reports –
a. Minutes of the Academic Affairs committee meeting of November 15, 2010 were approved.
b. Minutes of the Academic Affairs committee meeting of December 3, 2010 were approved.

F. University Committee Minutes
a. Minutes of the Assessment Committee meeting of October 8, 2010 were accepted.

G. Old Business.

a. 11-01 IS 250 Curriculum Proposal approved
b. 11-02 IS 350 Curriculum Proposal approved
c. 11-03 IS 351 Curriculum Proposal approved
d. 11-04 CLS Deletion from CAS approved
e. 11-05 Mass Media – Electronic Media Curriculum Changes approved
f. 11-06 Associate Degree Catalog Change approved
g. 11-07 Mass Media – Public Relations Curriculum Changes approved
h. 11-08 Mass Media – Contemporary Journalism Curriculum Changes approved
i. 11-09 Mass Media – Creative Advertising Curriculum Changes approved
j. 11-10 AS in Laboratory Science approved

H. New Business – no new business reported

I. Information Items – no items

J. Discussion Items
Senator Ockree questioned when the new travel reimbursement policy was placed into effect that only paid mileage to city outskirts instead of also covering mileage associated with travelling within another city. After discussion, the matter was referred to FAC for further information.

Senator Sharafy reported to senators that IT day will be held March 11, 2011 in Washburn A & B of the Union and will include vendors, exhibits. Anyone interested in participating should contact ITDAY@washburn.edu. They would like departments who are using IT to display during the event.

K. Announcements – There were no announcements.

L. Adjournment: the meeting was adjourned at 4:10 pm