

**Faculty Senate  
Washburn University**

*Minutes of April 9, 2012  
Kansas Room*

Present: Angel, Arterburn, Averill, Barker, Bird, Blank, Byrne, Childers, Dodge, Edwards, Fernengel, Fry, Gonzalez-Abellas, Kaufman, Kelly, Kowalski, Mazachek, Melick, Menzie, Miller, Morse, Ockree, Pembroke (VPAA), Pilgram, Rich, Roach, Routsong, Rubenstein, Sanchez, Schmidt, Sheldon, Tate (AVPAA), Wagner, Weigand, Wohl

- I. The meeting of the Faculty Senate was called to order at 3:30 PM. Steve Angel presiding.
- II. The minutes of the Faculty Senate meeting of March 12, 2012 were approved.
- III. President's Opening Remarks.

President Angel informed senators that an Ad Hoc committee was addressing record retention, archiving and intellectual property. Tracy Routsong had volunteered to represent faculty senate on the committee. After discussion, appointment was approved. President Angel also reminded senators that new member's names were need prior to the May 14 meeting and asked they follow up with their divisions and Dean's for the names.
- IV. Report from the Faculty Representatives to the Board of Regents: VP Roach reported that during the last BoR meetings, the promotion and tenure items were placed on the consent agenda and all passed, as well as academic sabbaticals and shared leave. The BoR also approved expenditures for the Morgan welcome center, with \$10 million of the \$13 million dollar budget coming from private donations. Financial subcommittee will meet later this week. VPAA Pembroke reported that the budget will go to the BoR on May 1.
- V. Report from the Units – Kinesiology: Roy Wohl and Education: Tim Fry:

Wohl updated senators that kinesiology actually includes different subdisciplines, including health and wellness, athletic training, exercise physiology, physical education teaching, and sport management. In 2008 there were 185 majors in the department, as of today there are 312. Kinesiology is involved with a research project with KU studying weight control, using nutrition, exercise, and nutrition + exercise. They are also researching the impact a lifetime wellness course has on behavior change and self-efficacy. In addition, the department is conducting research with the Topeka and Shawnee county police department SWAT teams to improve physical, psychological and functional performance of SWAT officers. The athletic training education program just received a rarely awarded 10 year re-accreditation and is becoming recognized as one of the leading programs in the state. They have developed a unique leadership WTE for their majors and currently have 26 students accepted into the athletic training certification program.

Fry updated senators on the Education department. They have 70-80 students taking Educational Psychology each semester with an average of 50 completers each semester completing the education program and entering the profession. A tea is held for the program completers and their cooperating teacher mentors on May 2. Dr. McConnell-Farmer has been leading students regularly to teach abroad. They currently are travelling to Belize 1-2 times a year. They also delivered 1000 lbs of food, school supplies, clothing and shoes to an orphanage. Additionally, Dr. McConnell-Farmer is leading the largest early childhood (birth-K3) education program in the state of Kansas. Dr. Carolyn Carlson is leading a graduate cohort in Curriculum and Instruction on site at USD 437. Dr. Michael Rettig, Director of Assessment, has been working on an electronic data management system that is integrated in Banner and allows Education to collect data on student sites, field experiences, mentors, etc. for NCATE and the Kansas Department of Education. Dr. Yvette

Jenkins recently took student to the KNEA convention where the students won the award for best student banner. It will be used to promote the student section of KNEA for the next year on promotional materials.

- VI. Report from the VPAA – Dr. Pembrook  
VP Pembrook announced that a new tradition has been started which included a reception for those newly promoted and tenured. He congratulated the faculty who had reached these goals. VP Pembrook announced that they are in the final stages of selecting a new Dean for Washburn Institute of Technology. Also, he provided updates on the new programs approved by the faculty and the BoR: the DNP is on the consent agenda for the Kansas Board of Regents in April, the two Master's degrees (human services and allied health) are on the information agenda for the State Council of Chief Academic Officers (SCCAO) in April and will hopefully go before KBOR in May. Pembrook commented that the Law schools Master's proposal would come before the senate for a first reading at the May 14 meeting. He also announced that a subcommittee was being formed to address the gaps in the promotion and tenure handbook. VP Pembrook also asked senators to nominate or self-nominate for Leadership Washburn for next year. Next year, sessions will be held on Thursdays instead of Friday. Last, he reported that for those in attendance at the HLC conference, there were many sessions on retention and graduation.
  
- VII. Faculty Senate Committee Reports –
  - A. Minutes from the Academic Affairs Committee of February 13, 2012 were accepted.
  - B. Minutes from the Academic Affairs Committee of March 12, 2012 were accepted.
  - C. Minutes from the Faculty Affairs Committee of March 5, 2012 were accepted.
  
- VIII. University Committee Minutes
  - A. Honors Advisory Committee Minutes of February 1, 2012 were accepted
  
- IX. Old Business. –
  - A. 12-03- Deletion of the Banking Program. After discussion the item was approved.
  - B. 12-04 – Proxy Voting. Dr. Matt Arterburn provided the overview of the proposal. After discussion, the item was approved.
  - C. 12-05 General Education Proposal Phase I. A motion to split the question and remove item #3, composition of the Gen Ed Review committee was approved. Item #3 was postponed and referred back to committee. Discussion on items #1, #2, #3, and #4 was conducted. After discussion and friendly amendments, the items were passed.
  
- X. New Business – none
  
- XI. Adjournment – the meeting was adjourned at 4:59 pm