

**Faculty Senate
Washburn University**

*Minutes of September 24, 2012
Kansas Room*

Present: Angel, Barker, Edwards, Fernengel, Fry, Gonzalez-Abellas, Isaacson, Jackson, Kaufman, Kelly, McMillen, Menzie, Mercader, Miller, Palbicke, Pembroke (VPAA), Perret, Pilgram, Rich, Roach, Rubenstein, Russell, Schmidt, Sheldon, Ubel, Unruh, Wagner, Weigand, Wohl, Wynn

- 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 August 27, 2012 were approved.
- III. President's Opening Remarks.
President Angel remarked that Washburn Institute of Technology will go before the Washburn BoR this Thursday to begin offering AAS degrees. The degrees offered will contain technical general education that may not be transferrable; however, a parallel plan is being put in place to allow students who may wish to transfer to a bachelor's program the opportunity to take courses that are transferrable. Angel reminded senators of the following items that should be coming to committees: Faculty Handbook suggestions should be sent to Dr. Pembroke, Dr. McQuere, or Dr. Tate. Faculty Affairs is looking at the composition of the Gen Ed committee. Electoral will be holding a special election to fill an at-large vacancy. Academic affairs is taking up WU 101 and KN 198. A campus master planning committee has been formed and Jennifer Wagner has agreed to represent faculty senate on the committee.
- IV. Report from the Faculty Representatives to the Board of Regents: There was no BoR meeting since the last faculty senate meeting.
- V. Special Report - Floyd Davenport, CIO/Director of ITS/ISS
Davenport commented to senators that ITS is a service organization and wants to be engaged and collaborative with the campus. There are four main divisions: Support and services led by John Haverty, Infrastructure led by Kevin Halgren, Teaching and learning led by Brenda White, and Business led by Bob Stoller. Now in the process of selecting a new LMS system –Blackboard is on campus this week, followed by Desire2Learn and Canvass. Davenport asked for feedback on the systems and encouraged everyone to participate. In two week, two vendors will be coming onto campus to demonstrate video streaming systems. On the business side, the ARGOS reporting system is being launched for better reporting. Two training sessions have been held, with more to come. The phone systems have been upgraded and looking at more capabilities for phone and wireless on campus. They have update the wireless in the LLC. As part of the campus master plan, they are surveying for effective planning, assessing computer labs, virtual desktop lab and wireless capabilities. A committee to evaluate e-mail and calendaring has been formed with broad representation from the campus. Overall, Davenport closed by saying that they are also investigating mobile management in an effort to have good access and be secure as well.
- VI. Report from the VPAA – Dr. Pembroke
VP Pembroke updated senators on the Quality Initiative (QI) and Quality Assurance (QA) groups. Tom Underwood is heading up the QI group and will be sending out proposals in the near future for ideas of to improve quality at WU. Margaret Wood is spearheading the QA groups. There will be six groups formed. Faculty dinners will be held in November to discuss the QI proposals. Promotion and Tenure guidelines have now been discussed with all units and now will be meeting

with the Faculty Affairs Committee. The handbook committee continues to find places in the handbook that do not match either the FS constitution or how things are currently being done. The graduate committee structure is still being reviewed.

Dr. Pembroke informed senators that job descriptions have now been advertised for both the Dean of SAS and the Director of the Leadership Institute. Additionally, Dean McQuere has announced that he will be stepping down as CAS Dean at the end of the year. They will begin the process of meeting with the divisions within CAS.

- VII. Faculty Senate Committee Reports –none

- VIII. University Committee Minutes
 - A. Graduate Committee minutes from March 27, 2012 were accepted
 - B. Faculty Development Steering Committee Minutes of September 7, 2012 were accepted
 - C. Interdisciplinary Committee Minutes of September 5, 2012 were accepted

- IX. Old Business. –
 - A. 12-07 Approval of PMHNP for the SON
Dr. Monica Scheibmeir, Dean of the SON provided an overview. Item was approved and sent to General Faculty

- X. New Business –none

- XI. Discussion Items: none

- XII. Information Items: none

- XIII. Adjournment – the meeting was adjourned at 4:27 pm