

**Faculty Senate
Washburn University**

Minutes of December 9, 2013
3:00 PM Kansas Room, Memorial Union

Present: Arterburn, Ball, Berry, Chamberlain, Edwards, Francis, Frank, Fernengal, Florea, Friesen, Jackson, Kitts, Lunte, Mach, McConnell-Farmer, McMillen, Mercader, Palbicke, Pembrook (ex-officio), Perret, Reynard, Roach, Rubenstein, Russell, Schbley, Sheldon, Smith, Stoner-Hawkins, Sun, Treinen, Wagner, Weber, Weiner, Wisneski, Wood

Guests: Scheibmeir, Tate

- I. The meeting of the Faculty Senate was called to order at 3:05 PM, Dr. Matt Arterburn presiding.
- II. The minutes of the Faculty Senate meeting of November 25, 2013 were approved.
- III. President's Opening Remarks
Arterburn thanked Faculty Senate subcommittee members for their productive work during the semester and senators for attending the last meeting of the year.
- IV. Report from the Faculty Representative to the Board of Regents
Ball reported a routine meeting in which documents forwarded by the Faculty Senate (e.g. the Washburn Legal Scholars 3.5 + 3 Program and the new minors in Kinesiology) were approved. Ball added that the University received an unmodified opinion in the recent auditor's report (i.e. the University's financial report appeared to be in order).
- V. Report from the VPAA, Dr. Randy Pembrook
Pembrook congratulated Pat Munzer on her appointment as Dean of the School of Applied Studies. He added that the search for the Dean of Arts and Sciences was continuing, and that an appointment for the Director of the Center for Teaching Excellence will be forthcoming.

Pembrook announced that the International and Comparative Law Center was approved. It will be co-directed by Nancy Maxwell and Craig Martin.

Pembrook reported that the Board of Regents will be discussing such issues as enrollment, marketing techniques, and transfer students later this month.

In conclusion, Pembrook congratulated the School of Music for the Holiday Vespers concert. He praised soloists Sylvia Stoner-Hawkins and Ann Marie Snook for their performances, and noted the aptness of hearing "I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas" while it was snowing outdoors.

- VI. Faculty Senate Committee Reports
 - A. The Academic Affairs Committee Minutes of November 4, 2013 were accepted.

- VII. University Committee Reports
 - A. The Assessment Committee Minutes of November 14, 2013 were accepted.
 - B. The International Education Committee Minutes of November 14, 2013 were accepted.

- VIII. Old Business
 - A. 13.20 Faculty Handbook Change: Probation and Reinstatement Committee was approved. It will be forwarded to the general faculty. –Matt Arterburn presented 13.20 to the Faculty Senate.

 - B. 13.21 Faculty Handbook Change: Program Review Committee was approved. It will be forwarded to the general faculty. –Matt Arterburn presented 13.21 to the Faculty Senate.

Note 1: A clarification was inserted under “Proposed Wording,” page 1:

“. . . to improve the quality of the academic, **administrative, and student life** programs”

To complement this insert, “academic” was then deleted as a modifier of “program” and “programs” within the same paragraph.

 - C. 13.22 Faculty Handbook Change: Student Success Committee was approved. It will be forwarded to the general faculty. –Matt Arterburn presented 13.22 to the Faculty Senate.

 - D. 13.23 General Education Transfer Policy Revision was approved. It will be forwarded to the general faculty. –Nancy Tate, Associate Vice President, Academic Affairs, presented 13.23 to the Faculty Senate.

 - E. 13.24 Online RN to BSN Program Proposal was approved. It will be forwarded to the general faculty. –Monica Scheibmeir, Dean, School of Nursing, presented 13.24 to the Faculty Senate.

Note 1: Scheibmeir clarified that some students will have to complete pre-requisites (e.g. General Chemistry, Microbiology) before applying to the program. She added that this program will help empower RNs to complete the BSN Degree and so add to an advanced workforce.

IX. New Business
None

X. Information Items
None

XI. Discussion Items
None

XII. Announcements
None

XIII. The Faculty Senate adjourned at 3:40 PM.