

**Washburn University
Meeting of the Faculty Senate
August 31, 2015
3:00 PM – Kansas Room, Memorial Union**

PRESENT:

Alexander (Rebecca), Ball, Farwell, Francis, Garritano, Jackson, Kwak, Leung, Mansfield, Mapp, Mastrosimone, Memmer, Moddelmog, Palbicke, Pembrook, Petersen, Porta, Routsong, Sadikot, Sanchez, Schnoebelen, Smith, Sourgens, Stacey, Steinroetter, Stevens, Stevenson, Treinen, Tutwiler, Weiner, Wohl, Worsely, Zwikstra

ABSENT:

Alexander (Ryan), Childers, McHenry, Mechtly, Russell, Scofield

- I. **President Ball called the meeting to order at 3:06pm.**
- II. **The minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting of May 4, 2015 were approved.**
- III. **President's Opening Remarks:**
 - **Thank you all for being here and serving as a senator. We'll do introductions after the meeting and socialize.**
- IV. **Report from the Faculty Representative to the Board of Regents:**
 - **There have been two general meetings, and one finance-budget meeting over the summer; a couple of things of note:**
 - **Washburn's position in terms of tuition is approximately in the middle among KS Regent's schools, so we're competitive.**
 - **We're the lowest in terms of tuition increases over the past five years.**
 - **There will be a modest salary increase of 1.8% going into effect in October/November.**
- V. **VPAA Update—Dr. Randy Pembrook:**
 - **Thanks for the turnout at the first General Faculty meeting.**
 - **Academic Affairs Committee reminder: with the way we structured the new approach to probation, this committee will make a recommendation back to the full group on an annual basis.**
 - **Bylaws: we had a proposal at the end of the last year coming forward regarding new programs. They typically come through units, but what if we have an interdisciplinary program? It resolved itself at the time, but we may revisit this quandary at least to discuss it.**
 - **Enrollment/Recruitment/Retention—thanks for your efforts over the summer to help with this.**
 - **NOTE: The Small Recital Hall project is a multi-phase project; we're just starting to look at it. The timeline is long-term.**
 - **Pembrook noted he was very pleased that the new faculty seem to be fitting in well already—thanks for making this happen.**
- VI. **Faculty Senate Committee Reports: None**

VII. University Committee Reports:

- The minutes of the International Education Committee meeting of 3-26-15 were received.
- The minutes of the Assessment Grant Committee meeting of 5-7-15 were received.
- The minutes of the Curriculum Grant Committee meeting of 4-22-15 were received.
- The minutes of the Faculty Development Grant Committee meeting of 4-22-15 were received.
- The minutes of the General Education Course Review Committee meeting of 4-8-15 were received.
- The minutes of the Interdisciplinary Studies Committee meeting of 4-8-15 were received.
- The minutes of the Interdisciplinary Studies Committee meeting of 5-4-15 were received.
- The minutes of the Small Research Grant Committee meeting of 4-23-15 were received.

VIII. Old Business: NONE

IX. New Business: NONE

X. Information Items: NONE

XI. Discussion Items: NONE

XII. Announcements:

- Schnoebelen noted that the location of our next meeting (on September 21st) is Henderson Hall, Room 112.
- We need committees to elect chairs and send those to Ball (and CC Schnoebelen) ASAP.

XIII. President Ball adjourned the meeting at 3:17pm.