

**Washburn University
Meeting of the Faculty Senate
November 6, 2017
3:00 PM – Forum Room, BTAC**

PRESENT:

Barker, Cook, Erby, Garritano, Grant (Emily), Grant (Erin), Hickman, Hockett, Jolicoeur, Krug, Mansfield, Mazachek, Memmer, Modellmog, Ockree, Schmidt, Schnoebelen, Sheldon, Sourgens, Todwong, Wasserstein, Watson, Wohl, and Worsley

ABSENT:

Black, Fredrickson, Jackson, Kwak, Mark, Petersen, Prasch, Scofield, Stacey, Steffen, and Watt

GUESTS:

Fried, Grospitch, Holthaus, Liedtke, and Stephenson

- I. **President Schmidt called the meeting to order at 3:03pm.**
- II. **The Faculty Senate minutes of October 2, 2017 were approved.**
- III. **President's Opening Remarks:**
 - **Schmidt said he received a message from Chris Enos; there is a Parking Ticket Appeals Committee that needs a faculty member; Schmidt said any interested faculty should let him know if they are interested in serving, also noting that said faculty members need not be a Senator.**
 - **Schmidt asked Senators to pay particular attention to page 9 of the agenda regarding the Faculty Handbook committee minutes (EEOC statement), and noted that this will be discussed later.**
- IV. **Report from the Faculty Representative to the Board of Regents: NONE**
- V. **VPAA Update—Dr. JuliAnn Mazachek:**
 - **Mazachek noted that October was a busy month of conversation regarding online education. Since meeting with academic leaders a few weeks ago, Mazachek said they agreed that we must develop a policy regarding how we oversee and think about the quality of our online courses. Statements covering this issue will be drafted based on examples from other universities. The final drafts will stop go to the Faculty Handbook committee first, and then make its way through both the AAC and FAC committees, and eventually stop at the Senate.**
 - **Mazachek said that the four strategic planning meetings were productive and produced great feedback from over 200 participants. She noted they are processing the feedback and providing information to Cynthia Holthaus for drafting. A revised version should hopefully be available for review around Thanksgiving, and Mazachek asked Senators to please provide feedback. Mazachek encouraged everyone to think about how individual units can help us fulfill the mission once it is established.**
 - **Mazachek said that this month, Washburn would be implementing the student success collaborative to promote timely graduation. There are approximately 50 faculty and staff members participating, and the kick off will be November 14, 2017.**

VI. Faculty Senate Committee Reports:

- The Academic Affairs Committee minutes from October 9, 2017 were approved.

VII. University Committee Reports:

- The Faculty Handbook Committee minutes from September 6, 2017 were received. Barker wondered about one task regarding the Academic Calendar committee (that was mentioned in these minutes)—specifically, if there was a policy regarding the canceling of classes for special events. Mazachek noted that these questions go to this committee but that there is no clear policy regarding this.
- The Graduate Council minutes from August 27, 2017 were received.
- The International Education/International WTE Committee minutes from September 21, 2017 were received.
- The International Education/International WTE Committee minutes from October 19, 2017 were received.
- The Assessment Committee minutes from October 12, 2017 were received.
- The Graduate Council minutes from September 25, 2017 were received.

VIII. Old Business:

- 18-3 BS in Anthropology-Forensic Concentration Modifications was presented by Stephenson. The motion was discussed briefly and then passed unanimously.
- 18-4 Creation of KS Studies Prefix was presented by Worsley. Ockree wondered if it would have anything about it that necessitates a course remain an IS course. Erby clarified that these classes will not be for Gen Ed credit, and thus, would not pose a conflict. The motion was passed unanimously.
- 18-5 Task Force on Academic Freedom and Freedom of Expression was presented by Worsley. Modellmog wondered how the 12 representatives would be selected. Worsley said the task force would be assembled under the VPAA from various locations. Schmidt wondered if keeping the Tech campus included was intentional. Worsley said that including them would better help convey broad-base support, so it was intentional. Ockree supports broad inclusion—as broad as possible—in terms of the members selected to serve on the Task Force. Schmidt wondered if we could change the activation date to “upon Senate approval” rather than spring 2018. Barker moved to change the effective date; the change was approved. Schmidt asked if the task force would pick its own chair? Mazachek said that the chair would be appointed. Schmidt says this should be reflected in the language. Barker moved that such language changes be added; the amendment was approved. Worsley clarified that the report will come back to the Senate and there may not be any action taken; it is up to the Senate in the fall of 2018. The motion was passed unanimously.

IX. New Business: NONE

X. Information Items: NONE

XI. Discussion Items:

- Schmidt wondered if there were thoughts on the Forum room for future meetings. Ockree said this room was better because we can see everyone more effectively; Garritano and Wohl agreed that it was a nice meeting place.

- **Barker acknowledged that Denis Etzel recently won a Literary Award through Arts Connect—a great achievement for himself and the campus.**
- **Ockree wondered about the EEOC change and why it changed from “affirmative action.” Mazachek said it was simply a reflection of the current language. Holthaus also noted that we since we no longer have an Affirmative Action (it is now an EEOC office), it is more reflective of the current campus environment.**

XII. Announcements: NONE

XIII. President Schmidt adjourned the meeting at 3:39pm.