

**Washburn University  
Meeting of the Faculty Senate  
February 5, 2018  
3:00 PM – Forum Room, BTAC**

**PRESENT:**

**Barker, Cook, Erby, Fredrickson, Garritano, Grant (Emily), Grant (Erin), Hickman, Hockett, Jolicoeur, Kwak, Mansfield, Mark, Mazachek, Prasch, Schmidt, Schnoebelen, Scofield, Sheldon, Sourgens, Stacey, Steffen, Todwong, Wasserstein, Watson, and Watt**

**ABSENT:**

**Black, Jackson, Krug, Memmer, Modellmog, Ockree, Petersen, Wohl, and Worsley**

**GUESTS:**

**Bluml, Connell, Gropitch, Holthaus, Martin, and Simmons**

- I. Schmidt called the meeting to order at 3:03pm.
- II. The Faculty Senate minutes of January 22, 2018 were approved.
- III. President's Opening Remarks:
  - Remember to consider candidates for Senate officers to be elected at the end of this semester. Anyone who is interested in serving as President or Secretary should discuss release time issues with her/his supervisor.
  - Schmidt opened the floor for brief remarks from Molly Steffes-Herman, Campus Advocate. Schmidt asked if her position was grant-funded or a permanent position; Steffes-Herman responded that it was a permanent position. Schmidt also asked her to clarify confidentiality. Steffes-Herman and Gropitch clarified that it is situational.
- IV. Report from the Faculty Representative to the Board of Regents: NONE
- V. VPAA Update—Dr. JuliAnn Mazachek:
  - Mazachek indicated the new Dean of the School of Law would be announced on Thursday at the Washburn Board of Regents meeting.
  - Mazachek announced that Jennifer Ball would chair the newly established Freedom of Expression committee.
  - Finally, Mazachek indicated that a series of Faculty Handbook changes will be making their way to the Senate soon, including: an online education procedure/policy, a policy defining main campus librarians (as faculty), a policy finalizing definitions (if there are changes) for Law School faculty and librarians, a non-reappointment/termination policy for faculty, a review of committees (some may be added; others may be removed), a policy changing the tenure and promotion guidelines for the School of Nursing, and providing a final draft of the Faculty Handbook (that is checked for consistency and looks finalized) on the website (turn it from red to black).
- VI. Faculty Senate Committee Reports: NONE

**VII. University Committee Reports: NONE**

**VIII. Old Business: NONE**

**IX. New Business: NONE**

**X. Information Items:**

- **SAS Program Modifications were acknowledged.**

**XI. Discussion Items:**

- **Jim Martin and Rich Connell presented the WU Campus Master Plan as a discussion item. Prasch commented that he was shocked that the library and Carnegie renovations were 10+ year goals on the plans instead of being addressed sooner. Mazachek indicated that changes to Carnegie aren't cost-effective; moving programs to the old law school when the new law school opens is what we're currently looking to do. As far as the library, Mazachek said we wanted to consider what libraries might look like in the future and keep the options open. Mark wondered about parking; Connell said that the area across from KTWU could be annexed if the city allowed. Mark also asked about the possibility of a garage; Connell noted that it would be four times more costly to do an elevated parking structure rather than a parking lot. Schmidt asked why the indoor practice facility was being built sooner rather than later; Mazachek said the projected costs to build the practice facility were believed to be smaller at the time the plan was designed. The current demand is based on newer information and where donors are making their gifts. Cook asked where the marching band would practice given the current plans; Martin wasn't sure but added that the band could potentially use the practice facility. Barker asked if investing in the practice facility would jeopardize the cash reserves that had been used in the past to avoid layoffs and tough economic times. Martin said that it would use up a good deal of our current reserves; he added that sales tax revenues should help. Barker added that he believed it was wrong to fund a non-academic building in such a way when we're asking for more private donations for an academic building (the new law school). Garritano wondered about the plans for the turf field plans. Connell said they haven't moved forward with this plan at all and thus, he wasn't sure about these plans.**
- **Eric Grospitch and Joel Bluml presented the Current Academic Impropriety Policy/Process as a discussion item. Bluml added that the "Notification of Infraction" Form helps clarify the process. Hockett asked if the forms were also used to see if the same student was committing multiple infractions; Bluml said that they are used for this purpose. Sheldon wondered if there were any other practical ways that this information might be communicated to faculty. Bluml noted that FERPA regulations mandate that specific information wouldn't be released unless the necessary requirements are met—only the aggregated data is used. He also noted that very few of these forms come through his office in a given semester. Grospitch added that most faculty members handle the infractions themselves, though added that faculty should use these forms and send them through the Student Life office. Barker suggested speaking about these subjects at division / unit meetings to get the information out there. Bluml said that he had taken some steps to do this and would continue to do so in the future.**

**XII. Announcements:**

- **Erby reminded everyone that the Lincoln Lecture is tomorrow night.**

XIII. **Schmidt adjourned the meeting at 3:56pm.**