

**Washburn University
Meeting of the Faculty Senate
March 26, 2018
3:00 PM – Forum Room, BTAC**

PRESENT:

Barker, Cook, Erby, Fredrickson, Grant (Emily), Grant (Erin), Hockett, Jackson, Jolicoeur, Krug, Kwak, Mansfield, Mazachek, Memmer, Modellmog, Petersen, Prash, Schmidt, Schnoebelen, Scofield, Sheldon, Sourgens, Stacey, Steffen, Todwong, Wasserstein, Watson, Watt, Wohl, Worsley

ABSENT:

Black, Garritano, Hickman, Mark, Ockree,

GUESTS:

Jones, Ricklefs, Smith, Youse

- I. **President Schmidt called the meeting to order at 3:02pm.**
- II. **The Faculty Senate minutes of March 5, 2018 were approved.**
- III. **President's Opening Remarks:**
 - **President Schmidt recognized McKinlaye Harkavy who discussed changes to New Student Orientation for the coming summer.**
- IV. **Report from the Faculty Representative to the Board of Regents:**
 - **Worsley noted that the Washburn Board of Regents will meet this Wednesday to talk about the indoor practice facility to discuss plans and costs. She also noted that this was the only agenda item for this meeting and that there are three different options to consider. Schmidt noted that they are considering less costly options. Wohl asked Schmidt (or another representative at the meeting) to ask if the facility could be used for academic purposes; Mazachek said she would ask about this issue.**
- V. **VPAA Update—Dr. JuliAnn Mazachek:**
 - **Mazachek noted that the NSO changes presented by Harkavy are a crucial aspect of the campus change to a 120-hour graduation requirement, and discussed how Bearman's team will be involved in this process. She noted that it is vital for both parents and students to hear this information.**
 - **Mazachek noted that the new learning collaborative (the new type of student management system) will be demonstrated at the next General Faculty meeting and will involve a new App and changes to Outlook. The changes to Outlook, specifically concerns with giving students access to faculty calendars for advising, were discussed. Mazachek encouraged everyone to attend the training sessions, and reminded everyone that such strategies are focused on improving our graduation rates.**
 - **Mazachek said that Washburn is pursuing the Carnegie classification as a community-engaged campus, a unique designation that only comes up every five years, that will clarify our uniqueness amongst Kansas schools (as none others are currently classified in this manner). She said that Ellis will be invited to discuss the designation with the Senate in the near future.**

VI. Faculty Senate Committee Reports:

- The Faculty Affairs minutes of November 27, 2017 were approved.
- The Academic Affairs minutes of January 29, 2018 were approved.
- The Academic Affairs minutes of February 26, 2018 were approved.

VII. University Committee Reports:

- The Library Committee minutes from February 21, 2018 were received.
- The Assessment Committee minutes from March 8, 2018 were received.
- The Interdisciplinary Studies Committee minutes from March 12, 2018 were received. Schmidt noted that the new prefix of "CE" discussed in this meeting will need to come through the Senate for approval.
- The Sabbatical Committee minutes from January 12, 2018 were received.
- The Sabbatical Committee minutes from February 14, 2018 were received.

VIII. Old Business:

- 18-10 BA in Religious Studies Change (with addendum added) was presented by Jones. Worsley moved to pass the amendment as designated in the agenda; the amendment passed. Cook wondered if the change in thesis hours was going to have to go through channels. Smith noted that it will only have to go through the CAS. The motion passes and will go forward as an information item to General Faculty (Gen Fac).
- 18-11 Minor in Social Work was presented by Ricklefs. Watt asked why minors wouldn't be allowed to take part in the research practicum. Ricklefs responded that the minor provides more of an overview of the degree that wouldn't require such in-depth knowledge. The motion was approved and will be forwarded to Gen Fac for approval.
- 18-12 New BA in Kinesiology in Health and Fitness Promotion was presented by Wohl. The motion was approved and will be forwarded to Gen Fac for approval.
- 18-13 New BS in Kinesiology with Exercise and Rehabilitation Science was presented by Wohl. The motion was approved and will be forwarded to Gen Fac for approval.
- 18-14 New Minor in CIS with Concentration in Digital Forensics was presented by Barker. It was moved and approved that 18-15 (Minor in CIS) would be considered together with 18-14. Wohl wondered if minors should have concentrations or would it just be a minor in Digital Forensics. Barker said that such an emphasis was necessary to distinguish the particular emphasis in these classes, but added that he wouldn't object to altering the label of the minor to clarify such confusion. Watt wondered why the classes under Digital Forensics were so specific. Barker said this was necessary to show the emphasis in Digital Forensics. Barker moved that it should be amended to remove the words "with concentration" from the title of the minor to eliminate confusion regarding the term "concentration" being included. The amendment was approved. The motion to accept both minors was approved and both will be forwarded to Gen Fac for approval.
- 18-16 New Program Applied Statistics was presented by Cook. The motion was approved and will be forwarded to Gen Fac for approval.
- 18-17 Undergraduate Student Level Classifications was presented by Worsley. Prasch noted that he felt this new language adequately addressed the points that came up at the last Senate meeting. The motion was approved and will be forwarded to Gen Fac for approval.
- 18-18 Modification to Handbook – Student Evaluation of Faculty was presented by Moddelmog. Moddelmog noted that this was really just a wording change from "course evaluation" to "student perception." Prasch offered a friendly amendment to strike

“accordingly” from the last line above financial implications. The motion was approved as amended and will be forwarded to Gen Fac as an information item.

IX. New Business:

- **18-9 Faculty Senate Constitution Task Force (First Reading) was presented by Schmidt. Petersen wondered if this proposal was designed to just ensure continuity or if there are other issues that may be addressed by such a task force. Petersen asserted that this might help increase faculty participation in important matters, and wondered if such a charge should be written in to this proposal. Barker said he hoped that those on this task force could ask if they were confused about what they could do. Watt said that some general framework might help orient task force members. Mansfield asked if past senators could be included in this task force. Schmidt said that he hoped so. The motion was closed on first reading.**

X. Information Items: NONE

XI. Discussion Items: NONE

XII. Announcements:

- **Prasch announced that the 1985 film *A Handmaid's Tale* with discussion will be on Wednesday, March 28 in Henderson 107.**
- **Wasserstein announced that Kij Johnson will read from and sign copies of her new novel *The River Bank* in the Carole Chapel on Thursday, March 29 at 4:00pm.**

XIII. President Schmidt adjourned the meeting at 4:00pm.