

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

**PRESENT:**

**Barker, Cook, Erby, Grant (Emily), Grant (Erin), Hickman, Hockett, Jackson, Jolicoeur, Krug, Kwak, Mansfield, Mazachek, Memmer, Modellmog, Ockree, Petersen, Prash, Schmidt, Schnoebelen, Scofield, Sheldon, Stacey, Wasserstein, Watson, and Worsley**

**ABSENT:**

**Black, Fredrickson, Garritano, Mark, Sourgens, Steffen, Todwong, Watt, and Wohl**

**GUESTS:**

**Holthaus, Jones, Liedtke, and Youse**

- I. Schmidt called the meeting to order at 3:03pm.
- II. The Faculty Senate minutes of February 5, 2018 were approved.
- III. President's Opening Remarks:
  - Schmidt reported that many new action items would be coming in to AAC and FAC, so Senate meetings will become busier.
  - Schmidt asked for an update from electoral committee. Krug reported that several faculty from around the University have been self-nominating for the At-Large seats, and said they have also been asking for names from unit heads. She also noted that the cut off for at-large nominations is March 30, 2018.
  - Schmidt encouraged Senators to review the HLC document that Nancy Tate sent out recently.
  - Schmidt said that Kansas HB 2042 is going through the legislature—it is a measure that will lower the age for conceal carry to 18, but may also require training or a license. He noted that if it passed, it would be adopted at Washburn immediately.
  - Schmidt reported that the University E-mail committee is considering alternatives to allfacultystaff and is still working. Erby wondered if any alternatives would come to Senate for comment. Mazachek said they would seek input from various groups on campus, including Senate, before anything was put into effect.
  - Schmidt asked for a replacement for Schnoebelen as a Senate representative on the Graduate Council; Erin Grant volunteered to serve.
- IV. Report from the Faculty Representative to the Board of Regents:
  - Worsley attended the February 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. She noted that they introduced the new Law School Dean, and announced that the Day of Giving went very well. Mazachek also noted that they announced the NSSE results and discussed the success of various academic programs.
- V. VPAA Update—Dr. JuliAnn Mazachek:
  - Mazachek introduced new Brandy Youse who joined the office last Friday, replacing Joan Bayens.
  - Mazachek noted that the Freedom of Expression Committee hasn't yet convened but should in the near future.

- Mazachek echoed Schmidt’s earlier comments, stating that many items will be coming forward from individual committees around campus ahead of the HLC visit. One policy that will be coming forward is a set of procedures for non-reappointment and termination of faculty from the Handbook committee. Mazachek said she hoped all present would look at the policy and provide comments.
- Mazachek said the 120 hours policy is in shape to be reviewed soon by AAC. Various other curriculum changes will also be going to AAC in the coming weeks. Petersen voiced the opinion that any such major curriculum change should be done for the benefit of students and not solely for the purposes of increasing enrollment. Mazachek noted that these decisions have deliberately been made within the individual units rather than from administrative direction. Schmidt echoed the importance of faculty being involved in the decisions affecting how our students learn. Mazachek acknowledged the importance of faculty input, but reaffirmed the necessity of complying with the 120-hour limit in order for Washburn to effectively compete for students in the marketplace.
- Mazachek provided a brief update on the Strategic Planning Committee, stating that news will likely be coming in the next month or so.

**VI. Faculty Senate Committee Reports: NONE**

**VII. University Committee Reports:**

- The Honors Advisory Board minutes from November 1, 2017 were received.
- The Faculty Handbook Committee minutes from November 8, 2017 were received.
- The Graduate Council minutes from November 27, 2017 were received.
- The Honors Advisory Board minutes from December 6, 2017 were received.

**VIII. Old Business:**

- 18-9 Undergraduate Student Level Classifications was presented by Prasch. Barker noted that the catalog’s classification of “junior status” needs to be addressed as it’s inconsistent with the new policy. Liedtke noted that we already have inconsistencies with the probation/reinstatement policy that are being fixed with 18-9. Petersen wondered if Banner would prevent students from enrolling in classes automatically if they failed to have the classified hours necessary. Wasserstein said that in his experience with EN 300, it takes into account hours that students will enroll in versus what they have at the time of enrollment. Mazachek clarified that the classes/programs have to be programmed/set up in Banner to reflect these limitations. Barker moved that we change (as part of the classification) all references to Junior status to “54 hours;” the motion was not accepted. Schmidt said he was uncomfortable passing motions quickly and without the catalog language in front of the Senate; Prasch agreed. Worsley moved to send the motion back to AAC for further review; the motion passed.

**IX. New Business: NONE**

**X. Information Items: NONE**

**XI. Discussion Items: NONE**

**XII. Announcements:**

- Prasch noted that Bearman would be discussing Billy Graham's 1954 crusade in London, in Henderson 100 on March 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.
- Prasch also reminded everyone that Beatty's screening of the documentary *North Korea: Inside the Hermit Kingdom* will be on March 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.
- Hockett indicated that there would be several calls from C-TEL coming out soon for various things, including Teaching Fellow applications and nominations for teaching awards.
- Sheldon noted that poet Desmond Egan will be presenting on March 8<sup>th</sup> in the Mulvane Museum.

XIII. Schmidt adjourned the meeting at 3:48pm.