# Faculty Senate Washburn University

## Minutes of March 11, 2013 Kansas Room

Present: Angel, Ball, Barker, Edwards, Fry, Gonzalez-Abellas, Jackson, Kelly, Kitts, McMillen, Menzie, Mercader, Miller, Palbicke, Pembrook (VPAA), Perret, Roach, Rubenstein, Schmidt, Sheldon, Ubel, Wade, Wagner, Wynn

- I. The meeting of the Faculty Senate was called to order at 3:31 PM. Steve Angel presiding.
- II. The minutes of the Faculty Senate meeting of January 28, 2013 were approved.
- III. President's Opening Remarks.

Angel thanked the Senators for their help in the successful online voting that took place in February. Angel reminded the electoral committee that there is one at-large position that requires voting this semester. He also asked Senators to contact Deans/Chairs in attempt to have new senators in place for the April 22 meeting instead of waiting until May 13. If not, the Senate will hold its final meeting on May 13.

- IV. Report from the Faculty Representatives to the Board of Regents: VP Roach reported that the WUBoR had approved all sabbaticals and promotion and tenure applications. They also added to the cost of the Morgan welcome center. Both School of Applied Studies and Washburn Institute of Technology presented to the BoR. There is lots going on at Washburn Tech. Additionally, the School of Law has opened a new center of excellent in oil and gas.
- V. Special Report from the Unit –none
- VI. Report from the VPAA Dr. Pembrook

VP Pembrook congratulated those faculty members that received promotion and tenure.VP Pembrook reported that again this year a reception will be held for the new promotions and tenure recipients. Additionally, a robe will be purchased for the newly tenured faculty. This is also the second year of the wage adjustment for promotions.

VP Pembrook reported that the Promotion and Tenure committee will be sending a document to FAC concerning 6 versus 7 year clock and time outs during the tenure process.

Dr. Pembrook also reported there is ongoing discussion concerning the funding for the KBI building. This year's legislature would hopefully appropriate the \$3.5 million for the planning. VP Pembrook also reported that the graduate committee members will be formally recommending the new membership make-up of the committee. They will also be looking at what elements should be common across the graduate programs, as well as what should remain autonomous to the units. Quality Improvement initiative is ongoing. New proposals will be coming through after spring break.

Dr. Pembrook updated the senators on the progress of faculty searches. Although these positions were approved in August 2012, they were put on hold during early budget considerations. They are now moving forward with interviews for the positions.

The 150 of Teaching: Tools and Technology exhibit will be part of the sesquicentennial exhibit opening in February 2014. Additionally, it is the 60<sup>th</sup> year of Brown v. Board of Ed, and the 50<sup>th</sup> year of the Voting Rights Act and there will activities celebrating these as well.

Dr. Pembrook reported that a group is looking at data analytics and looking for input on sources of data that are used regularly.

Dr Pembrook also reminded senators that the Vision 2022 project is ongoing. President Angel is on the academic committee. There will be a strategic planning meeting on March 14. Again, this is to put together a vision of what Washburn will look like in 2022.

#### VII. Faculty Senate Committee Reports –

- A. Academic Affairs Committee Minutes of January 14, 2013 were accepted.
- B. Academic Affairs Committee Minutes of February 4, 2013 were accepted.

## VIII. University Committee Minutes

- A. Graduate Committee minutes from December 5, 2012 were accepted
- B. International Education Committee minutes of January 24, 2013 were accepted
- C. Honors Advisory Committee Minutes of December 12, 2012 were accepted
- D. Faculty Development Steering Committee Minutes of December 7, 2012 were accepted.
- E. Faculty Development Steering Committee Minutes of January 28, 2013 were accepted.
- F. BOSM Committee Minutes of April 24, 2012 were accepted.
- G. BOSM Committee Minutes of August 24, 2012 were accepted.
- H. BOSM Committee Minutes of September 24, 2012 were accepted.
- I. BOSM Committee Minutes of October, 2012 were accepted.
- J. BOSM Committee Minutes of November 9, 2012 were accepted.
- K. BOSM Committee Minutes of December 7, 2012 were accepted.
- L. BOSM Committee Minutes of January 18, 2013 were accepted.

#### IX. Old Business.

- A. 13-01 BFA Concentration Changes in Eight Areas: Marguerite Perret provided an overview. The item was approved. Sent to General Faculty.
- B. 13-02 BFA with Licensure Program Changes: item was approved. Sent to General Faculty.
- C. 13-03 English Writing Emphasis Requirement Changes for English Majors item approved Sent to General Faculty.
- D. 13-04 Kinesiology: B.Ed., Physical Education Teaching Degree and B.A. Concentration Options –item approved. Sent to General Faculty.
- E. 13-05 Kinesiology: Delete Concentration in Coaching item approved. Sent to General Faculty.
- F. 13-06 Kinesiology: Add Minor in Coaching item approved. Sent to General Faculty.
- G. 13-07 Mass Media: Contemporary Journalism Emphasis Change item approved. Sent to General Faculty.
- H. 13-08 Mass Media: Film and Video Emphasis Change item approved. Sent to General Faculty.

## X. New Business: none

XI. Discussion Items: Dr. Pembrook asked senators for input regarding Chief of Police addressing faculty on what to do if an active shooter is on campus. Senators preferred to have the matter addressed at late fall general faculty meeting.

XII. Information Items: Schmidt asked senators to remind colleagues that when their item is going before a committee it is good to have someone there to answer questions. He also reminded senators that 3-14 is the last day for students to register for Apeiron, which will be held on April 16. Senators were also informed that math faculty will be taking a pie in the face on 3-14 (Pi day) as a fundraiser. Voting is taking place in the union.

Faculty also asked if it was possible to get a last notification on students who are attending Jr./transfer days. One faculty came in on Saturday and no scheduled student ever showed up.

XIII. Adjournment – the meeting was adjourned at 4:20pm