

Washburn University
Meeting of the Faculty Senate
January 22, 2018
3:00 PM – Forum Room, BTAC

PRESENT:

Barker, Black, Cook, Erby, Fredrickson, Grant (Emily), Grant (Erin), Hickman, Hockett, Jackson, Jolicoeur, Krug, Kwak, Mansfield, Mark, Mazachek, Modellmog, Ockree, Petersen, Prasch, Schmidt, Schnoebelen, Scofield, Sheldon, Sourgens, Steffen, Todwong, Wasserstein, Watt, and Worsley

ABSENT:

Garritano, Memmer, Stacey, Watson, and Wohl

GUESTS:

Grospitch and Liedtke

- I. President Schmidt called the meeting to order at 3:03pm.
- II. The Faculty Senate minutes of December 4, 2017 were approved.
- III. President's Opening Remarks:
 - Welcome back!
 - 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.
- IV. Report from the Faculty Representative to the Board of Regents:
 - Worsely discussed the Senate letter regarding the indoor practice facility (constructed by the Executive Committee that was presented and discussed at the December meeting). Erby wondered what the WSGA letter presented along side this one was like. Schmidt said that it was essentially set up to argue that if the practice facility were funded, several other student-requested initiatives wouldn't be. Barker noted they also said that the annual operating costs for this facility would be approximately \$400,000—a significant dollar amount for a non revenue-generating facility. Hockett wondered what we might be able to do now? Schmidt said he was unsure of the impact of the original letter, but it may have served to slow the project down for more consideration. Petersen indicated that he had similar concerns about the project and wondered if we could ask for a prioritization of campus improvements to put the building of this facility in context, especially if its construction might delay other projects. Barker added that the master plan published a few years ago included both the new law school and the practice facility, though the funding mechanisms were not included. Schmidt noted that the Senate could certainly craft a new letter since the other was drafted so quickly to make the meeting deadline. Watt wondered about the timeline. Mazachek said the fundraising is in progress, as is design work with the architect. She added that it would likely not make the February board meeting agenda but could be on the April agenda. Ockree said she thought we were at or near our debt limit; what would be the implication if we hit the limit because of this project? Mazachek said they're not anticipating funding the facility through loans primarily, and added that lawyers are trying to figure out issues regarding our limit. Modellmog wondered if borrowing for one project would mean we couldn't borrow for

others; Mazachek said that wouldn't likely be the case. Petersen asserted that the campus is still addressing accessibility issues; prioritizing these campus improvements (at least seeing where they stand in relation to each other) is needed. Watt concurred with wanting a clarified list. Mazachek said that it might be a good idea to review the Master Plan in a Senate meeting. Mansfield said that this might allow us to leverage our concern for less 'popular' improvements.

V. VPAA Update—Dr. JuliAnn Mazachek:

- Mazachek noted that enrollment numbers look ok, adding that we'll know more in a few weeks. She thanked the faculty for their help in getting students enrolled.
- Mazachek noted two things going on at the Kansas Board of Regents (that indirectly impact Washburn):
 - The Kansas Board has decided they want their degree programs to be complete in 120 hours to reduce costs to students and help ensure a 4-year program. Similarly, they have moved to make Associate degrees be complete in 60 hours.
 - Concurrent Enrollment: A bill is in the legislature that would fund 15 hours of college tuition for students while they are in high school. They're not sure about the rate the state would pay for these courses at this point.
- Mazachek noted that there are a number of things we're working on this semester on campus:
 - Pat Munzer is leading the Online Education Quality Task Force; hopefully there will be a recommendation by the end of March on this subject.
 - The Freedom of Expression Task Force is almost set. She noted that we do have a draft committee that is still being asked to serve. Hopefully the committee will be announced in the next two weeks.
 - We will be working on the intellectual property policy and hopefully finalize one that can be recommended to the Washburn Board this spring (it may not be finished this spring but it will be for sure in the fall).
 - We're in the process of implementing the new student success advising software hopefully in time for new New Student Orientations. We will try to have Alan Bearman come in and present it to the Senate.
 - The Diversity committee has officially met, so stay tuned for more news from them that will be reported here.
- Mazachek encouraged faculty to attend the General Faculty meeting this Thursday at 3:00pm. She added that they would try to post the presentations made at this meeting online for those who cannot attend.

VI. Faculty Senate Committee Reports:

- The Academic Affairs Committee minutes from November 13, 2017 were approved.

VII. University Committee Reports:

- The International Education/International WTE Committee minutes from October 19, 2017 were received.
- The International Education/International WTE Committee minutes from November 30, 2017 were received. Barker noted there was a typo ("Cuban" should be "Cuba").

VIII. Old Business: NONE

IX. New Business: NONE

X. Information Items: NONE

XI. Discussion Items:

- Barker asked about the grade deadline for the spring being the Monday after Finals week; Mazachek will check on this. Investigation during the meeting revealed that the grades will not be due until Wednesday like normal, but that the date is not universal on the Washburn website. Mazachek noted that this would be corrected.
- Ockree asked about the University ADA committee; she indicated that they should meet sooner than their first meeting set for May 2018. Mazachek said she'd ask about this among the Executive Staff. Modellmog said, on a related note, that Henderson's elevator is still an issue. Petersen noted that in his experience, the current ADA plans on campus are lacking. Mazachek said she would look into the matter.

XII. Announcements:

- Prasch said the next Historical Movie Night would feature *Memories of Underdevelopment* on Monday, January 29th at 7:00pm in Henderson 112.
- Schnoebelen announced that the next Senate meeting will be in the Forum Room—not, as previously listed, in the Kansas Room.

XIII. President Schmidt adjourned the meeting at 3:47pm.