

**Washburn University
General Faculty Minutes
February 20, 2019**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Farley called the meeting to order at 3:34 PM in Room 100 of the Henderson Learning Resources Center.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the November 07, 2018 General Faculty meeting. The minutes were approved unanimously.

III. OPENING REMARKS

A. From the President

1. President Farley discussed recent developments in the state legislature:

KBOR assigns a geographic service area in which each public institution operates exclusively; other institutions must ask permission to operate in those regions. Shawnee county is WU's service area. KBOR is reviewing this concept and considering if this policy should be continued. WU has communicated to KBOR that we do not support the elimination of this policy. Such an action would greatly impact enrollment as other institutions would inevitably develop operations in Shawnee county. The vast majority of other public institutions also do not support this action.

Another bill proposes that five core CEP courses be offered for free to all students in Kansas. This would greatly impact revenue and operations. A pilot study is being requested in which colleges, including WU, would offer EN101 for free. Schools would eventually be reimbursed for the expense of offering CEP. Institutions were asked to report the reimbursement they would need per course: the responses range from \$5 to \$600 per course. WU does not support this legislation and we are confident that our current CEP model is working successfully and is helpful and fair for students.

Additional bills are being presented would permit gambling on athletic events. This has potential to impact college sports and is likely to pass. WU does not support this legislation because of the potential for negative impacts on college athletes and athletics.

A new state budget is in the works. A \$100 million proposal to restore KPERS for retirees was defeated. \$19 million dollars has been proposed for additional support to higher education. WU would get a small portion of this, an amount of maybe \$300,000.

2. President Farley discussed the budget. Information is still coming in that will help WU shape next year's budget. The president's priority is salary and he emphasized his disappointment that we were unable to fund a salary program last year. A 1.5% salary program will be a top priority for the new budget.

B. From the Vice President for Academic Affairs

1. Dr. Mazachek further discussed the concern about higher education service areas.
2. Dr. Mazachek discussed recent actions by the board of student government leaders for the state of KS. Their current priority is open educational resources. They produced an eight-point plan for open access resources. A task force will be created to push this agenda and their findings will be integrated into the KBOR strategic plan. A survey about open source materials is being sent out to all KBOR & WU campuses to which students will respond.
3. Dr. Mazachek discussed the WU-mester. This was formerly called “theme-ester” which we have discovered is a copyrighted term that we can no longer use. Next year’s theme is likely to relate to the centennial celebration of women’s suffrage.

IV. PRESENTATIONS

Janel Rutherford and Karen Peterson presented on textbook adoptions.

Dr. Nancy Tate gave a presentation on the upcoming HLC site visit. The vast majority of meetings with faculty and staff will occur on Monday, March 25th. Faculty are strongly encouraged to attend the open forums held during the visit and to please encourage students to do the same.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ian Smith announced the upcoming King Lecture.

Pat Munzer shared recent reaccreditations in the School of Applied Studies.

Michael Gleason announced an upcoming open forum in the Kansas to discuss the multi-institution study of leadership survey.

Kelly Thor announced the Faculty Art Show at the Mulvane Art Museum.

Tom Prasch announced a forum on Venezuela and also the Lincoln-Harmon lecture.

Rick Barker reminded faculty about lunches held on Fridays that are designed to encourage collegiality across campus.

Eric Grospitch reminded faculty that counseling staff are all accredited as advocates and that faculty should direct students in crisis to counselors, who are on call at all times.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:31 PM.