

**Washburn University
Meeting of the Faculty Senate
August 26, 2019
3:00 PM – Forum Room, BTAC**

Present: Barker, Beatie, Brooks, Byrne, Cook (M), Cook (S), Dodge, Douglass, Friesen, González-Abellás, Friesen, Grant, Huff, Krug, Mazachek, Menager, Menninger-Corder, Miller, Morse, Pierce, Prasch, Romig, Sainato, Schmidt, Smith, Stevevens, Vandalsem, Wasserstein, Woody, Zwikstra

Absent: Jones, Juma, Ricklefs, Watson

Guests: Ball (J), Grospitch

- I. Call to Order 3:02**
- II. Approved the minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting of May 6, 2019**
- III. President's Opening Remarks**
 - Two Washburn faculty were honored as Women of Influence on August 22nd. Danielle Hall received an award for being a distinguished mentor. Maria Stover was honored for education.**
 - Welcome. Just a reminder the senate is the voice of the faculty. Make sure you check the agenda and discuss with colleagues before meetings. The policy and academic issues affecting both students and faculty are discussed here. Check the constitution if you are interested in better understanding the process.**
 - Note that the constitution will likely change by year end. Schmidt is chairing these efforts. There is a need for someone from nursing faculty to serve on the task force in charge of this to ensure there is someone from all academic units.**
 - Academic affairs will be moving forward with the freedom of expression policy this semester. Modifications to hybrid courses and changes to the community service WTE will be going through as well.**
 - Faculty affairs will examine rules regarding children on campus. Student and staff councils will be joining in this discussion. Parental leave and open resource policies will also be examined.**
 - There is a need for volunteers for interdisciplinary studies and promotion and tenure standards committees. Krug volunteered to remain on the board of student media committee. Schmidt volunteered to replace Thor on the handbook committee.**
 - Path to WUBOR will be sent out, as well as attached as an information item on the next agenda.**

IV. Report from the Faculty Representative to the Board of Regents

- **Barker explained that in June, the Chartwells contract was extended until 2030 with no faculty consulted prior to making this decision. There will be a discount for student organizations, though nothing has been determined regarding what this looks like. Menninger-Corder asked about the choice of Papa John's rather than something local. Barker suggested it was the price point and that it may be possible to make adjustments again, as this contract had been adjusted before it ended.**

Wasserstein added that Chik-fil-a will be added to the offerings on campus. Some student groups will not be / are not pleased with this decision, as they had been consulted prior.

- **Emeriti Shirley Dinkel and Carolyn Szafran were recognized at the June meeting.**
- **The five year computer refresh program was passed.**
- **Five new programs were approved, including Bachelor of Education, Biology Secondary Education; Bachelor of Education Mathematics Secondary Education; Bachelor of Musical Arts; Bachelor of Science, Forensic Biology; and Game Design (minor).**

Budget was presented – in July it was approved to include a tuition increase for a raise in January

V. VPAA Update—Dr. JuliAnn Mazachek

- **Jennifer Ball is taking up the work on freedom of expression to bring it back to the forefront and add direction.**
- **Senate committee for the constitution will be working to provide recommendations in the spring. Mark Fried, Jim Martin, and Mazachek have been working on bylaws which have policies overlapping with the handbook and policy and procedures manual. There will be more information provided in the September or October meetings.**
- **OER will be very important here and statewide, as KBOR had created a task force for this in the spring.**
- **The budget was approved at the end of June with more work done in July. Currently in the process of looking at enrollment and how it compares to the budget – more details on this in the next three weeks, which will be provided as they arrive. Enrollment may be down more than had been budgeted. A salary program was part of the budget at two percent, though distribution is not specified. It has been marked for all units on campus.**
- **There has been some discussion regarding modalities. Ball will be gathering information on this.**
- **Thank you for welcoming Jennifer Ball as Interim Associate VP.**

- **Byrne asked about the policy from student life requiring freshmen to live on campus which had been announced last fall. He saw a sign in the union that announced this, though no one he spoke to at the business school / faculty elsewhere on campus were informed. Mazachek explained that the board voted upon this in the fall. There is a process for exemption for local students. Grospitch followed up that it is for first time full time students, unless of a certain age, married, living at home, or if there are monetary constraints. Students may also live in Greek housing with certain rules in place. This was clearly communicated to students and families when they came to campus. Cook (S) asked how this has affected capacity. Grospitch reported that we are even with where we were last year, maybe down by two beds. Mazachek reminded senate the reason for the policy is to increase the success rate of students. Morse noted that she remembered the conversation during the fall 2018 senate meeting left many of our questions unanswered.**

VI. Faculty Senate Committee Reports

VII. University Committee Reports

VIII. Old Business

- **Approved membership for Faculty Affairs, Academic Affairs, and Electoral Committees**

IX. New Business

- **The Constitution of the Board of Student Media of Washburn University was received.**
- **The Policy for Student Media of Washburn University was received.**

X. Information Items

XI. Discussion Items

- **Academic Affairs, Faculty Affairs, and Electoral Committees will need to get together following the meeting to determine who will be chair.**

XII. Announcements

- **Prasch announced the showing of Easy Rider on August 28th at 7 pm in Henderson 112 to memorialized Peter Fonda.**

XIII. Adjournment 3:38