

**Washburn University Meeting of the Faculty Senate
November 4, 2019
3:00 PM – Forum Room, BTAC**

Present: Barker, Beatie, Byrne, Childers, Cook (M), Cook (S), Dodge, Douglass, Friesen, González-Abellás, Grant, Huff, Jones, Juma, Krug, Mazachek, Menninger-Corder, Miller, Morse, Pierce, Prasch, Ricklefs, Romig, Sainato, Schmidt, Smith, Stevens, Woody, Vandalsem, Wang, Zwikstra

Absent: Brooks, Wasserstein, Watson,

Guests: Ball (J), Grospitch

- I. Call to Order 3:00**
- II. Approved Faculty Senate meeting minutes of October 7, 2019 with minor corrections.**
- III. President's Opening Remarks**
 - **On October 14th, the Monday of fall break, Washburn hosted Women in Science. The program brought 235 seventh grade women to campus to participate in a number of panels. Susan Bjerke, ten faculty, and 30 students were present to help with the event.**
 - **Encouraged non-tenured faculty senators to feel free to engage in discussion regarding issues they believe are important. The current administration is not punitive and believes there must be an open dialog**
 - **Next meeting Monday November 18th.**
- IV. Report from the Faculty Representative to the Board of Regents**
 - **Wasserstein is out for a conference and Barker presented these notes.**
 - **The last meeting was October 31st at 4pm.**
 - **The construction company for the indoor practice was brought in to address the issues of the falling beam. This was not something that could be fixed with two cranes; there will need to be four to address the issues. Despite the setback, the build should be only a few months behind schedule.**
 - **Washburn Law reported that the bar exam first time pass rate was at 92 percent this last year, which is better than all others in the state.**
 - **Audit recommendations were presented, with little of note to discuss.**
 - **WU composite index score slightly up from last year.**
 - **Washburn Tech is getting a new roof.**
 - **Course leaf software for catalogs was discussed. The program includes a new workflow that will automatically populate the catalog after changes have been done. The catalog will no longer be online and not in PDF alone. Childers asked if there will still be hard copies for purchase. Schmidt called for clarification from the VPAA's office on what this will**

look like. Ball suggested inviting Aileen Ball to come to a meeting for questions.

- EAB work continues to provide evidence based materials for the school.
- The board approved hiring a retirement advisor outside the TIAA.
- The purchase of antivirus materials was approved.
- The multicultural center was provided \$250,000 for the purposes of creating the changes needed. The center will replace the office of student involvement which is being moved to the McVicar room.

V. VPAA Update—Dr. JuliAnn Mazachek

- In follow up to the conversation regarding contract language: this is currently being written up for tenured faculty. In the future, there will be a move to use contracts again this time in electronic form. The letters will still be used. The language will be changed when the raise comes to fruition in January.
- School of Law has been working on a design for their new building that will likely be an agenda item at the December board meeting.
- A retirement plan advisor to work with human resources to minimize expenses and provide better retirement plans for all faculty and staff has been approved for hire.
- Farley will be attending a future faculty senate meeting to further the enrollment conversation, to include a brainstorming session.

VI. Faculty Senate Committee Reports

- Academic Affairs Committee minutes from September 23, 2019 were approved.

VII. University Committee Reports

- Academic Diversity and Inclusion Committee minutes from September 9, 2019 were received.
- International Studies / International WTE Committee minutes from October 10, 2019 were received.
- Library Committee minutes from October 22, 2019 were received.
- Assessment Committee minutes from October 10, 2019 were received.
- Graduate Council minutes from April 29, 2019 were received.

IX. Old Business

- 20-2 Bachelor of Education in English Secondary Education
- This is the first in a series to adjust those programs in 120 (Prasch).
- These programs will have less in terms of general education hours. This is the only one that will keep the FL requirement, as well as the 124

hour requirement. The next program will be history education. Students will complete course requirements for a BA in three years with the last year to include student teaching. This is in response to the move to 120 hours for most majors per KBOR. If people are choosing not to move to 120 hours, they need to have a good reason. The current program that includes four years of course work and one year of student teaching will remain an option for students (Morse).

- **20-3 Success Week Policy**
- Sollars pointed out the policy is currently under forms and may need adjustment. In response, the policy was cleaned up and sent to Academic Affairs. The edits were received by senate, with some additional changes that have taken place since.
- Part A was discussed for further edit, which concluded with the following adjustments “assignments worth more than 10 percent of the final grade or covering more than one fourth of the assigned reading materials for the course should not be given or due during success week”
- As a point of order, Schmidt asked if this needs referred to Handbook committee for further edit. Ball spoke with the committee and they don’t want to modify. The final version will go to them only for the placement.
- Cook (S) stated that in the current year, success week falls around the same time as our second fall break, thus making it difficult for planning course materials. Miller agreed and suggest that there may be a need to define *major assignments*.

X. New Business: NONE

XI. Information Items: NONE

XII. Discussion Items

- **Viewpoint Neutrality and Requirements for Alternative Viewpoints (Byrne) was removed due to the discussion taking place in the freedom of expression committee.**

XIII. Announcements

- **Prasch announced the 100th anniversary of Little Blue Books, a socialist press in Kansas. Tom Averill helped Washburn to collect one thousand of the two thousand publications. Wynn, Averill, Tom, and Moore are speaking November 5th at 7:30 pm in the library about this collection.**
- **Prasch also announced that Sanford Pomerantz would be presenting on November 7th regarding his experiences recently in Hong Kong. Pomerantz is a retired doctor who audits classes at Washburn who recently traveled to Hong Kong, participating in protests and talking to people involved with the pro-democracy movement.**

- **A final announcement from Prash is the showing of Goodbye, Lenin! on November 12th at 7 pm in Henderson 107 for the 30th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall.**

XIV. Adjournment 3:51