

**Washburn University
General Faculty Minutes
November 10, 2021**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Farley called the meeting to order at 3:30 via Zoom.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2021 General Faculty Meeting. The minutes were approved.

III. REMARKS

From the President

- President Farley discussed the Alumni Fellows program and how these individuals get to tell their own Washburn stories. The narratives include their experiences with educators on campus, so be sure you say hello to your students.
- President Farley discussed the status of the pandemic.
 - While things are starting to feel more normal, he acknowledged that there are still challenges, such as teaching while masked.
 - Fall 2021 Graduation will be held indoors.
 - A special Kansas legislations meeting will be held on November 22, with the goal of overriding mandates from DC. None of the actions being presented should affect Washburn University.
 - The Student Health Center has vaccinations (including the booster) for Covid and the Flu. Students were offered incentives for inoculations and many signed up.

From the Vice President for Academic Affairs

- Dr. Mazachek expressed gratitude for all present and encouraged using the break between semesters to take time for oneself.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Requiring general faculty approval

- [21-19 Business Data Analytics Minor](#)
Item was moved to approve; seconded and passed with no votes against.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Faculty Senate President Morse provided notes on recent senate resolutions:

- [Amendment to Faculty Senate item 21-1 \(Temporary Academic Policy changes due to Extraordinary Circumstances of COVID19 in Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 Semesters\) and extension of these policies for AY 2021-22 \(Fall 2021, Spring 2022, and Summer 2022\)](#)

Ensures policies are extended through Summer 2022.

- [22-1 Completed WSGA Voting Resolution in Senate Template Form](#)

WSGA has requested Washburn University be used as a polling site and host site for secured ballot drop boxes for all elections in Shawnee County.

- [22-3: Senate Resolution on Course Modalities](#)

Faculty Senate recommends faculty are not required to teach individual course sections in multiple modalities.

Dr. Morse voiced appreciation for CTEL's pedagogical programs regarding inclusive teaching practices. Many educators presented or attended the Tilford conference to present on these efforts. The conference will take place at Washburn University in Fall 2022.

Dr. Morse voiced appreciation for those attending the demonstration regarding the inclusivity issues at Carnegie Hall. She noted that while the campus community should be proud of Coleman for finding their voice, there should also be shame for this being an issue that affects our students.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4 pm.