

**Washburn University**  
**General Faculty Minutes**  
**November 9, 2022**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Interim President Meek called the meeting to order at 3:30.

**II. ELECTION OF SECRETARY**

Grant (Erin) nominated by Schmidt, seconded by Schnoebelen, and approved unanimously.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the April 22, 2022 General Faculty Meeting were approved unanimously.

**IV. REMARKS**

**From the Interim President**

- Meek introduced himself to faculty.
- Spoke about how much WU is loved by alumni.
- Intentions to meet and listen to campus leaders to act now and provide some guidance to the next president.
- Reported on enrollment
  - Approximately five percent increase on direct from high school.
  - Three and a half percent decrease overall.
- WUBOR has moved to change scholarship grids to ensure more students are able to get financial aid
- We will be doing more targeted marketing maximize effectiveness
- According to the US news and world report, we are the top public regional university in the state
  - We have the fifth lowest debt in the Midwest
  - We are 37<sup>th</sup> among all public universities for endowments
- Presidential search committee
  - 29 members are working well together despite the size of the committee
  - There are 70 applicants; for a closed search doing well to recruit
- Building projects
  - Recital hall near White Concert Hall
    - Seven-million-dollar project
    - Of five million dollars, there are less than 800,000 left to raise
  - Henderson to be given the Morgan Hall treatment

- 35-million-dollar project
    - Need to raise 15 million dollars; current there are two million raised.
  - Law school building should open in April
    - New facilities buildings
    - Discussions regarding the programs moving to the old law school
- Budget is looking good; we will not go the way of Emporia.

**From the Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs**

- Ball presented on behalf of Stephenson
  - Stuck at EAB conference due to the hurricane
- New positions
  - Arterburn as Interim Dean of CAS
  - Bird as Interim Dean of Libraries
  - Wade as faculty development coordinator
  - Kendall-Morwick as CTCL director
  - O’Neill as Director of Assessments
  - Miller (Jason) in LINK
  - New VPAA employees (can ask for organizational chart, ext. 1648)
    - Holly Broxterman
    - Beth Mathews
    - Michaela Saunders
    - Debi Meier
    - Andrea Lagos
    - Debbie White
- Academic Bridge Strategic Plan being created based on what is important in terms of academics at WU.
  - Ball will take care of general education discussions, including ensuring a clear process, general pros and cons to adoption, and helping to sort out the six institutional hours and issues with English 300 if we choose to adopt the plan.
- Stephenson is working on enrollment initiatives; Bearman will be the Interim in enrollment management.
  - VPAA and Enrollment management will be working together to create a plan to better help students (e.g. scholarship matrix, removal of ACT score from scholarship matrix).

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

None

## **VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Schmidt provided updates regarding Faculty Senate
  - Working with the VPAA to work on discussions regarding general education changes.
  - Revisions to the Constitution are taking place and will be brought to General Faculty by March 2023
    - Last items to be completed are those related to the Graduate Council and University Wide Faculty
    - Grant (Erin) and Sourgens are working on a transition plan
    - Recognition of Constitution Task Force members
      - CAS – Schmidt (Chair), Schnoebelen, Wynn
      - SOBu – Juma, Moore
      - SAS – Worsley, Frank
      - SOL – Jackson, Rich
      - SON – Rector
      - VPAA – Ball
  - Wasserstein heading an effort to create standing rules for consistency in expectations for current and future senators
- November 30 Carol Chapel 3 pm, Barron book release

## **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

- The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.