

**Washburn University
Meeting of the Faculty Senate
September 18, 2017
3:00 PM – Kansas Room, Memorial Union**

PRESENT:

Barker, Cook, Erby, Fredrickson, Garritano, Grant (Emily), Grant (Erin), Hickman, Hockett, Jackson, Jolicoeur, Krug, Kwak, Mansfield, Mark, Memmer, Moddelmog, Ockreee, Schmidt, Schnoebelen, Scofield, Sheldon, Sourgens, Stacey, Todwong, Watson, Watt, Wohl, and Worsley

ABSENT:

Black, Petersen, Prasch, Steffen*, and Wasserstein,

GUESTS:

Fry (*filling in for Steffen), Grospitch, and Liedtke

- I. **President Schmidt called the meeting to order at 3:04pm.**
- II. **The minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting of August 28, 2017 were approved.**
- III. **President’s Opening Remarks:**
 - **Welcome to our guests (Eric Grospitch, Richard Liedtke, and Tim Fry)**
- IV. **Report from the Faculty Representative to the Board of Regents: NONE**
- V. **VPAA Update—Dr. JuliAnn Mazachek:**
 - **The university is updating our Strategic Plan. Members of Executive Staff will be going back to their Units to seek feedback, so please look for an e-mail from the VPAA’s office or Deans and invitations to four different round table discussions on the main campus (plus one on the Tech campus) and share your insights. She said they were hoping to present a final draft to the Board of Regents at their February meeting. Schmidt wondered if faculty-governing bodies would be a part of this process. Mazachek said that it won’t be formalized through the governance process, but noted that the Executive Committee was seeking broad input in drafting this plan. She envisions presenting it to Senate for discussion.**
 - **Mazachek also noted that we’re beginning the search for the next Dean of the School of Law, so we might see some communication about that in the near future. She added that we should feel free to share the information with anyone who may be interested.**
 - **Finally, Mazachek said Washburn is adopting new software on campus that will help manage the Student Success programs (one feature of which will be an app for smart phones). She said they’re hoping this will help with retention and student success. More information will be shared soon, and implementation will be ready before the next round of New Student Orientations in 2018.**
- VI. **Faculty Senate Committee Reports: NONE**
- VII. **University Committee Reports:**
 - **The Graduate Council minutes from April 24, 2017 were received. Barker wondered about item 8 here; he thought that policies developed here had to also appear in the Catalog. Wohl**

noted that perhaps approved items need only appear in the electronic catalog. Mazachek will follow up on this question.

- The Faculty Handbook Committee minutes from August 9, 2017 were received.
- The Faculty Handbook Committee minutes from August 31, 2017 were received.

VIII. Old Business:

- 18-1 Resolution for Welcoming Environment (second reading) was presented by Schmidt. Sheldon suggested an amendment (to augment the 4th sentence and moving it to sentence 2) that was approved. Schmidt asked how this document, once approved, might be shared. Mazachek suggested it should be an information item sent to the President. Barker suggested that it could also be sent to the *Washburn Review* and other area newspapers. Worsley noted that AAC is also considering an academic freedom statement that may work in tandem with this motion (it will likely come to the Senate on October 2nd). The motion passed unanimously.

IX. New Business: NONE

X. Information Items: NONE

XI. Discussion Items:

- Barker asked a question about the second set of minutes from the Faculty Handbook Committee. He said it featured a section on faculty engaging in outside work. He wondered when this language was decided and why it applied to faculty who are on a 9- or 10-month contract? Mazachek said it was reflective of what was in current documents in Washburn University Policies, Regulations, and Procedures Manual (WUPRPM) and the Handbook and has likely been around for a long time. She noted this item was still being debated, as well. Mazachek also noted that Faculty do not have authority over the WUPRPM, only the Handbook, and added that they're trying to find inconsistencies and the discussion will likely continue. Cook wondered if they were also talking about the meaning of "short term engagements;" Mazachek said the Deans wanted it to be intentionally vague.

XII. Announcements:

- Schnoebelen reminded Senators that the next meeting (October 2nd) will take place in the Forum room of the BTAC.

XIII. President Schmidt adjourned the meeting at 3:31pm.