

Washburn University
Meeting of the Faculty Senate
February 15th, 2021
Zoom Meeting Hosted by FS Executive Committee

Present: Morse, Stevens, Kendall-Morwick, Erby, Huff, Thor, Moore, Krug, Kohls, Smith (M), Friesen, Watson, Daniels, Schmidt, Woody, Dodge, McNamee, Smith (D), Grant, Romig, Ricklefs, Zwikstra, Miller (C), Wynn, Byrne, Cook, Sainato, VanDalsem, Wagner, Griggs

Absent: Klales, Brooks, Douglass, Mazachek, Wang

Guest(s): Ball (J), Stephenson, Hutchison, Sibold, DeSota, Bearman, Holthaus, Saunders, Grospitch, Carpenter, Lee, Munzer, Barker

- I. Call to Order at 3:00pm
- II. Approve minutes- Motions and 2nd to approve minutes. Passed with no discussion
 - February 1st, 2021 (pages 2-5).
- III. President's Opening Remarks
 - More coming forward from FAC on T & P.
- IV. WUBOR Update
 - No budget information yet. This will be upcoming
 - Quicker COVID tests have been approved.
 - Window units for 3rd and 4th floor of Bennet hall approved at last meeting
- V. VPAA Update - Dr. JuliAnn Mazachek
 - Update given by Dr Ball in Dr Mazachek's absence
 - Enrollment are down 9.6%, but below our budgeted decline.
 - Graduation update- no real details yet. We are planning on in person for 125 graduates with 4-6 guests. Several graduations beginning May 7th. Can be held safely in Lee arena. Dates and when each school to graduate will come later, not known at this time
 - Grospitch- vaccine update. We have started getting vaccines for some of our tech faculty that work with high school students. If you currently do a lot of work with high school reach out to Tiffany McManus. Higher education not in phase 2. Talk to your favorite senator to get higher education in phase 2.
 - Question on quicker COVID test- antigen test. Gives results in 15 minutes. This will allow us to start re-engaging with our music programs. Will save money for athletics but was done to get more things available for our students, such as concerts and recitals.
 - Criteria for testing currently if symptomatic or exposed. Working on criteria for rapid test. Hoping they will be here by the end of the month.
- VI. Consent Agenda

- Faculty Senate Committee Reports- motion to approve consent agenda, moved and passed with no discussion.
 - Approval of the Academic Affairs committee meeting minutes from November 16th, 2020 (page 6).
- University Committee Reports-
 - Approval of the Faculty Constitution Task Force meeting minutes from November 4th, 2020 and December 4th, 2020 (pages 7 and 8).
 - Approval of the Graduate Council meeting minutes from November 16th, 2020 (page 9).

VII. Old Business

- 21-5 Proposed Academic Forgiveness Program (pages 10-12).
 - Motion to approve and second. Wynn requesting a friendly amendment that was requested by athletic advisors. Motion and 2nd. Amendment came because of NCAA requirements. Amendments passed.
 - Question about the rationale for the reason for this proposal. Bearman reports this issue has come up several times over the last 3-4 years, for a way to help student GPAs with extenuating circumstances. A way to help keep students in school and on track to graduate. Do not suspect there will be very many students that need this. Students would go through academic advising and walks through the process. This can be done only one time. Student can do either this option or fresh start, one time only each. Students will collaborate with academic advising to decide on the correct time to do this. Clarify this is decided in the VPAA's office. Only retro not a date in the future?? Motion passed. Does not need to go to general faculty unless motions to take to general faculty.

VIII. New Business- none

IX. Information Items- none

X. Discussion Items

- Academic Pages on Website-
 - Riley Sibold presenting. VPAA's office and all of the deans and several associates deans and marketing folks. About a year ago this group attended a conference and realized program pages
 - Current format does not tell the story that students want to see to make decision to attend Washburn. Important to have a landing pages for programs. Working on 2018 updates and going across departments.
 - Hutchison presents road show. The main focus is marketing and marketing individual programs. Focus is on prospective students and the decision they have to make. Focusing on the academic decisions and will be program by program as each program is ready. Hoping to be done by June. Will work with each program to identify highlights for the program and what makes it stand out. Will

be a learning pathway for each program. Adds more information on what the 4 years will look like.

- Completely mobile phone friendly.
- Showcase courses available currently and will be able to click on an get information on the course. Would update as the schedule updates.
- Will be testimonials either as a video or printed text.
- Will be section on program cost and section to set up appointment with advisor or go ahead and apply.
- Deans being asked to prioritize programs, with hope that all will be done by June.
- Also have a plan for continued updates to pages.
- Worksheets for departments so all programs are using the same sources for information.
- Question on who will check data. Hutchison will take this to the committee to ask this question.
- Working on timelines to keep things annually updated.
- Really helping us embrace the power of the internet and ways to showcase more things in closer to real time.
- Faculty Affairs Committee update on listening sessions- Thor
 - Thank you for those that attended the listening sessions, those that informed colleagues and those that sent in question.
 - Able to see what is causing anxiety.
 - FAC will meet next week and will pull together ideas already discussed along with notes from listening sessions to draft a resolution to bring forward to senate in March.
 - If you have questions or thoughts to bring forward, email Thor to bring to FAC on February 22nd.
 - As you hear comments and concerns, encourage people to send these to Thor.

XI. Announcements

- None

XII. Adjournment- motion to adjourn at 3:55pm.