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WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY

FACULTY SENATE

AGENDA

MEETING NOTICE: Monday, November 24, 1997
Room 107 CH 3:30 p.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

- I. Call of the Meeting to Order
- II. Informal Statements and Proposals
- III. Approval of the Minutes
- IV. President's Report
- V. Committee Reports
- VI. Old Business
- VII. New Business
 - A. Presentation from Tom Hammond, Kansas Board of Regents
(Note: this will occur immediately after the Call to Order)
- VIII. As May Arise

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

William Terrell	President	3220	Box 78
Jean Eaglesfield	Vice President	5073	Box 68
Christopher Brooks	Secretary	6194	Box 14
Elmer Hoyer	President Elect	6314	Box 44
Donna Hawley	Past President	5724	Box 41
ELECTED BY THE SENATE			
Deborah Baxter		3103	Box 53
Tina Bennett		6694	Box 14
APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT			
Donald Byrum		3551	Box 67

Minutes of the Meeting of the Faculty Senate, November 24, 1997

MEMBERS PRESENT: Alagic, Armstrong, Bajaj, Bennett, Born, Brooks, Burns, Byrum, Campbell, Celestin, Davis, DeLillo, DeSilva, Eaglesfield, Gythiel, Hawley, Hodson, Hoyer, Huntley, Kraft, Lancaster, Leavitt, Miller, Murphey, Naylor, Patton, Pfannenstiel, Pickard, Rogers, Rokosz, Schommer, Skinner, Stone, Sutterlin, Swan, Terrell, Trechak, York

MEMBERS ABSENT: Baxter, Benson, Chandler, Cheraghi, Coffman, Hemans, Hill, Mandt, McHugh, Palmiotto, Papanicolaou, Sharp, Stevenson, Talia, Toops, Woods, Yenne, Zettle

I. CALL TO ORDER: President Terrell called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. and introduced special guest speaker and Board of Regents member Tom Hammond.

Regent Hammond spoke about various topics of interest to the Regents and to members of the WSU community. The budget proposal for a 5% salary increase has been reviewed and the increase cut in half, though this is under appeal. Hammond asserted that the Governor supports salary increases and had formed a Task Force to look at salary enhancement. Hammond also noted support for a 12 million-dollar one-time increase in equipment purchases and affirmed the "matching funds" approach to state aid for students: this could amount to a gain of \$285,000 for WSU. Bonds, sold recently at a higher profit margin than expected, have produced extra funds designated for building restoration--including two at WSU.

Regent Hammond also noted that Program Review is back, with the University having a greater say in the frequency/method of review, but that it must be done at least every 5 years.

He then spoke about the Intellectual Property policy matter which will be discussed at the January meeting. He asserted that the Regents have no desire to make changes in current policy except where "distance learning" and "mediated education" are concerned.

He said issues NOT being discussed formally this year by the Regents include Governance issues, community college encroachment, private university half-time degrees, etc. and indicated that the Board of Regents has no control over these issues.

Questions followed: Hoyer asked about the \$958,000 cutback in the WSU proposed budget; Hammond indicated that this is part of the game of give-and-take and hoped this money would be restored in appeal. Murphey asked about educational delivery and its dilution by community colleges, but Hammond could only reiterate that the Regents have no control over this matter and the Kansas legislature, does not perceive it to be a problem. Hammond conceded that no other Regents Institutions has been hurt in this area as much as has WSU. Hawley asked about web pages and Swan about court cases over intellectual property co-owned by individuals in different states. Lancaster cited the corporate undermining of degrees. Hammond responded that the Regents have no control over industry hiring and judicial decisions. Lancaster and Swan asked if the Regents perceive WSU differently. Hammond responded that "duplicated programs" always must be justified and that WSU, when perceived as a different "market," is perceived favorably.

Hoyer returned to program review and asked about worth and value of majors in terms of numbers; Hammond responded that the next review will be different, more in-depth and explanatory in nature. Murphey asserted that the latest mission statement seemed to shift the emphasis at WSU from research to teaching; Hammond re-affirmed that he was not even aware of this policy and that it did not come from the Regents. Byrum asked about graduate graduation ratios; Hammond indicated that this is not Regents business. Terrell asked about international students. Leavitt asked about demography and the "assumption" that 17,000 is the proper enrollment at WSU; Lancaster asked about more dormitories; Hoyer asked about WSU having its own variable niche regarding the student base number.

II. INFORMAL STATEMENTS AND PROPOSALS: None

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes were approved with one change, Rules Chair Hoyer requested that the word "nominated" be substituted for "elect" with regard to the election of William Stevenson, LAS Math/Natural Science Senator.

IV. PRESIDENTS REPORT:

President Terrell noted that the Regents are not persuaded by their own lawyers concerning the intellectual property debate. Out of this may come a higher patent percentage for faculty; traditional scholarship will be left alone. Distance learning and rights of first refusal are the crucial issues.

Terrell noted that the Dismissal for Cause policy is back in the Senate but that the Senate Executive Committee is not satisfied with the changes in language made by President Hughes.

The Academic Integrity policy draft is re-circulating. Murphey asked that the Executive Committee identify the conceptual issues before bringing the draft to the Senate for debate.

Ted Ayers is reworking the Sexual Harassment policy to merge the faculty document with that of the SGA.

The Strategic Plan Draft is in the hands of the Academic Affairs Committee. Senator Bennett announced that the Academic Affairs Committee had been asked to return their review of the Plan by early December and to submit a copy of the report to the Strategic Plan Task Force. Hoyer stated that the Executive Committee must see the draft before it can go to the Task Force. Terrell noted that he had been asked to point out where the Strategic Plan Draft violates academic freedom.

VPAA Patton acknowledged that enrollment problems at WSU are tied to poor freshman recruitment but that positive signs include the DSI and special scholarship drives, whose numbers are up. He noted that there is increase from Community College transfers.

The Associated Students of Kansas Questionnaire form came up. Students want more than a data sheet and feel that some sort of evaluation information of the professor should also be included for each course.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS: none

VI. OLD BUSINESS: none

The meeting was adjourned at 4:47

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher Brooks
Secretary