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WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY

FACULTY SENATE

AGENDA

MEETING NOTICE: Monday, December 11, 2000
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. Wichita State University update — President Donald Beggs
      Performance Indicators-latest draft (green attachment)

VIII. As May Arise

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Will Klunder      President      3150      Box 45
Barbara Hodson   Vice President  3240      Box 75
Kirk Lancaster   Secretary      3982      Box 33
Jeri Carroll     President Elect 3322      Box 28
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ELECTED BY THE SENATE
Lawrence Davis   6690      Box 14
Victor Markovich 3103      Box 53
APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT
Diane Huntley   5625      Box 144
Quality of Teaching and Learning:

A. The number of students receiving degrees will be greater than the average of the three previous calendar years.

B. The number of students, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends completing learning opportunities will be greater than the average of the three previous calendar years.

C. Learners will evaluate the quality of their educational experiences positively.

D. External accreditation agencies will recognize university programs seeking accreditation.

Quality of Research, Scholarly, and Creative Activity:

A. External support for research will increase over the average of the last three years.

B. Events featuring scholarly and creative activities will be made available to the university community and the general public.

C. Faculty, staff, and students will be increasingly recognized for professional achievement.

D. Faculty will exceed the average for the three previous years in scholarly and creative activities, as defined by their respective academic disciplines.

Quality of Service:

A. Civic and professional service activities of faculty, staff, and students will increase.

B. Credit and non-credit courses will be offered by the university when specific needs are identified and resources are available.

C. Support Services will be provided to help students meet academic requirements.

D. The university will continue to maintain a safe campus.

Quality of Institutional Management:

A. The administration will continue to demonstrate institutional vision and innovative leadership.

B. Constituencies will report satisfaction with their involvement in the university decision-making process.

C. University personnel will be held accountable for meeting their professional responsibilities.

D. Budget allocations will be compatible with the university's mission.
MEMBERS PRESENT: Bajaj, Behrman, Campbell, Davis, DeLillo, DeSilva, Feleppa, Hershfield, Herzog, Hodson, Hoek, Hughes, Kabagrama, Klunder, Lancaster, Lescoe-Long, Liera-Schwichtenberg, Long, Mandt, Mau, Miller, Myers, Paarmann, Riordan, Rokosz, Smith-Campbell

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bakken, Byrum, Cheraghi, Hundley, Kohan, Kraft, Kuhn, Lause, Lawless, Matson, May, Medvene, Murphey, Ravigururajan, Scheuerman, Swan

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Blocher, Brooks, Carroll, Celestin, Hazen, Hoyer, Huntley,

Ex-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT: Beggs, Kindrick

SUMMARY OF ACTION:

1. Elected James Clark, Senator from School of Business, Economics, to complete the term vacated by William Miles.

I. CALL TO ORDER: President Klunder called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

II. INFORMAL STATEMENTS & PROPOSALS:

Senator Hershfield mentioned that the Undergraduate Research Committee is sponsoring a forum April 5, 2001, and the deadline for submissions is 2/15/01.
Several Senators commented on the dangerous ice conditions of the parking lots.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Minutes of 11/27/00 accepted as presented

IV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Klunder said that the Performance Indicators would be reviewed by the various KBOR Councils and might be on the January BOR agenda.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Rules - James Clark, Economics, name was presented to complete the term vacated by William Miles. His nomination was accepted.

Academic Affairs -- Senator Paarmann, Chair, stated that the committee would give a presentation before the Senate in the Spring on the issue of developing a formal review process for the approval of undergraduate certificate programs.

VI. OLD BUSINESS: none
VII. NEW BUSINESS:

President Donald Beggs addressed the Faculty Senate on a variety of issues:

1. The "state of the university"
2. Fund Raising
3. WSU agenda for the Kansas legislature
4. Technology/smart classrooms
5. Performance Indicators
6. The (Accountability) Matrix

President Beggs began by thanking the campus community (student leadership, faculty leadership, VPAARR Kindrick, staff members, etc.) for their efforts over the last year. He noted that he has been intentionally staying in the background (e.g. not attending Faculty Senate meetings, letting others deal with governance structure questions) in order to allow VPAARR Kindrick and the faculty to develop appropriate relationships and structures. He specifically thanked Dr. Kindrick for his efforts.

He discussed the current situation at WSU and compared it with that of last year. WSU has 110 more students and 4000 more credit hours than a year ago. This is due in part to strong recruitment efforts by departments and faculty and to excellent advisement. He noted that Ron Kopita and his staff had streamlined the enrollment and scholarship processes. Last year WSU did not meet its enrollment goals while this year Academic Affairs should receive an additional $614,000 because of enrollment gains. He warned that it will be important to maintain these gains.

President Beggs discussed fund raising issues. The university "cola contract" with Pepsi generated $750,000 initially and as much as 2.5 million dollars over the course of the ten year contract. The initial $750,000 will go to the library, where $250,000 will be used for technology needs, $250,000 for journals and books, and $250,000 for endowment. The Faculty of Distinction program provides an opportunity to enhance the university and will depend on raising sufficient money from single-source donors (at least $350,000) to qualify for this state program. He also discussed raising funds for various projects, such as the "Roundhouse" project, the conversion of the Marcus Center to a visitor center, the enhancement of International Programs, and a health and aging research project. He has asked Vice President Kindrick to formulate a list of future building (and other) needs and mentioned the possibility of a new Arts building, an idea which has been discussed for the last ten years.

With respect to the Kansas legislature, President Beggs noted that Governor Graves' budget address would be key and mentioned several priority items for WSU. These items were (1) third year funding for SB 345, (2) the return of tuition equity money which WSU should have, but did not, receive in the first three years of the tuition equity program, (3) technology needs and the creation of smart classrooms, and (4) the budget (e.g. BOR requested block grant funding, the payment of fees to Topeka for transactions).

Dr. Beggs mentioned that the university would look at its technology needs by the end of February. He noted that the $614,000 which Academic Affairs will be receiving would be used largely to address such needs. WSU has been talking to software vendors but warned that we need to learn from the mistakes of other universities.

President Beggs discussed the Performance Indicators. He noted that WSU could gain additional 2% of budget per year if these indicators are met. The process of determining the Performance Indicators at WSU is apparently more collaborative than at most other regents universities.
President Beggs stated that the Accountability Matrix is a significant change from the "teaching, research, service" model of accountability and one which he takes very seriously. He noted that we are now at the stage of setting goals and indicated that he hopes that the various departments are involved in this process.

President Beggs addressed questions and concerns from various Senators. Some of these concerned the mission of the university, the quality of advisement, and technology issues. VPAARR Kindrick expressed the hope that the planning process involved with developing the Accountability Matrix will facilitate communication across the university and break down walls and that this may help ease faculty concerns.

VIII. AS MAY ARISE: none

Respectfully Submitted
Kirk Lancaster
Secretary