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WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY

FACULTY SENATE

AGENDA

MEETING NOTICE: Monday, January 22, 2001
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. Kenneth Pitetti, Chair Undergraduate Research Committee
- VIII. As May Arise

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WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE MINUTES - January 22, 2001

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bakken, Behrman, Byrum, Campbell, Carroll, Celestin, Clark, Davis, DeSilva, Ericson, Feleppa, Hazen, Hershfield, Herzog, Hodson, Hoek, Hughes, Hundley, Klunder, Kohan, Kraft, Kuhn, Lancaster, Lause, Lawless, Lescoe-Long, Liera-Schwichtenberg, Long, Mandt, Markovich, Matson, Mau, May, Miller, Murphey, Paarmann, Riordan, Rokosz, Scheurman, Smith-Campbell, Swan

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bajaj, Cheraghi, Iacovetta, Kabagrama, Ravigururajan

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Blocher, Huntley, Myers

Ex-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT: Kindrick

SUMMARY OF ACTION:

I. CALL TO ORDER: President Klunder called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. The order of the meeting was changed to allow Professor Pitetti, chair, Undergraduate Research Committee, to present his report

II. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Undergraduate Research Committee Chair Pitetti discussed the upcoming Undergraduate Research Forum, which has been under development for the past 1.5 years. The deadline for abstracts will be February 15, 2001, although abstracts will be accepted for up to a week after this deadline. A announcement was mailed on January 15, 2001, to all faculty and administrators. He discussed this first forum and requested faculty to encourage students currently doing research to participate in the forum. He also noted that alumni who completed research projects within the last year while undergraduates at WSU are encouraged to participate.

III. INFORMAL STATEMENTS & PROPOSALS:

Senator Kraft noted that RSC food service ended at 2 PM during finals week of the Fall, 2000 semester. Considering the number of night classes WSU offers, he had difficulty understanding how this represented (good) service to the university community. (Senator Mandt commented that the current contract with Aramark is year-to-year.)

Senator Hershfield discussed the new faculty evaluation instrument mentioned in the Sunflower. President Klunder said this issue would be discussed by the Executive Committee.

The Senate welcomed newly appointed Senators Clark, representing Economics and Ericson, representing LAS Social Sciences.

Several Senators mentioned problems with the bookstore. Senator Liera-Schwichtenberg noted that each College Dean had received a list of College courses for which no book had been ordered from the bookstore. Other Senators mentioned similar experiences. VPAARR Kindrick stated that the purpose of these lists was not to punish individual members.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Minutes of 12/11/00, accepted as presented

V. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Klunder stated that the North Central Association would be sending a three person team to visit WSU 1/29/01. Meetings with the Faculty Senate Executive Committee, the Planning and Budget Committee, and an open forum are planned, but the visit will focus on (1) the link between academic planning and the budget process and (2) the faculty workload. This visit was requested by President Hughes during the North Central accreditation process five years ago.

President Klunder discussed the January BOR meeting stating that the major topics discussed were Governor Graves' budget request for the regents' institutions, the regents' budget priorities, Washburn University, and the Performance Indicators.

COFSP discussed the governor's budget request, the issue of collaborative degrees, and faculty benefits. (The Faculty Affairs Committee will distribute a survey on benefits sometime in the future.) COCAO discussed Washburn University proposal. A resolution was approved and forwarded to the COP which stated that *"Any (university) program accepting more than 64 credit hours in transfer credit is inherently inferior."* A draft list of Performance Indicators for each regents' institution was distributed. The Board of Regents reiterated its top priorities, which are (1) full funding of SB 345, (2) reestablishing the base budget, and (3) reviving technology matching funding (\$1 from tuition is matched by \$2 from the state for technology).

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Senator Bakken, chair, Scholarship and Student Aid Committee said that a faculty member from the Scholarship and Student Aid Committee will sit on each standing committee of the endowment foundation and on each scholarship committee of the Financial Aid Office or the Admissions Office.

VI. OLD BUSINESS: None

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

Mary Herrin, Associate Vice President and Budget Director, discussed the budget. With respect to the current (fiscal year 2001) budget, there will be no change in appropriations. The governor did not support a request for an additional appropriation of slightly less than \$250,000 needed because of the increasing cost of natural gas. A change by the governor which eliminates Steps 1, 2, & 3 and changes the time in service requirements in Steps 3, 4, & 5 for classified employees will increase expenses for the university; between 200 and 250 WSU classified employees will increase Step level(s) because of this action.

She then turned attention to FY2002 budget and passed out a sheet which summarized the changes represented by the governor's budget request. An important issue is the "current services budget" (CSB) and differences between the budget office (Topeka) computation of the CSP as \$91,857,271 and the WSU computation of \$92,419,457. This difference, without changes, will mean WSU's base budget will be reduced by \$562,186 in the fiscal year 2002; other changes (i.e. modest cost-of-living adjustment) will mean the base budget has an extremely modest increase to \$93,456,716. Funding of SB 345 would increase the university's budget slightly (approximately 3.2%).

A variety of questions followed: One issue which should help WSU is the increase in student enrollment. The university will benefit if the recent increase is maintained and may suffer if it is not maintained. The issue of increasing utility expenses is difficult and will continue to cause financial problems. On the other hand, governor Graves supports the block funding of the regents' universities and this may prove to be beneficial. With respect to possible actions by the faculty, President Klunder encouraged faculty to communicate with their legislators in Topeka and express support for the regents' budget priorities (i.e. (1) full funding of SB 345, (2) reestablishing the base budget, and (3) reviving technology matching funding).

VIII. AS MAY ARISE: None

Respectfully submitted:
Kirk Lancaster
Secretary