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### Agenda and Minutes of the Meeting of November 15, 1999

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**\*\*\* NOTICE: REGENTS CHAIR DOCKING AND KBoFR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR KIM WILCOX WILL BE ON WSU CAMPUS  
DECEMBER 6, 1999. FACULTY ARE INVITED TO MEET WITH THEM AT 1:30 P.M. IN THE MORRISON HALL BOARD ROOM**

## WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY

### FACULTY SENATE

#### AGENDA

MEETING NOTICE: Monday, November 15, 1999  
Room 107 CH 3:30 p.m.

#### ORDER OF BUSINESS:

- I. Call of the Meeting to Order
- II. Discussion of Budget issues and other questions - President Beggs
- III. Informal Statements and Proposals
- IV. Approval of the Minutes
- V. President's Report
- VI. Committee Reports
- VII. Old Business
  - A. Faculty Senate Resolution 14 - Science curricula  
*(attached for your information only)*
- VIII. New Business
  - A. Resolution on the passing of Albert Gosman *(grey attachment)*
  - B. Discussion of Undergraduate Program Approval Procedures
- IX. As May Arise

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A. J. Mandt	President	3375	Box 102
Joyce Cavarozzi	Vice President	3541	Box 153
Nan Myers	Secretary	5138	Box 68
Will Klunder	President Elect	3150	Box 45
Elmer Hoyer	Past President	6314	Box 44
ELECTED BY THE SENATE			
Lawrence Davis		6690	Box 14
Diane Huntley		5625	Box 144
APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT			
Jeri Carroll		3322	Box 28

RESOLUTION TO THE KANSAS BOARD OF EDUCATION:

WHEREAS, It is the duty of the Kansas Board of Education to provide the best and fullest education possible to the students of the State of Kansas AND

WHEREAS, the recent Board of Education decision to delete references to the Evolutionary theory will undermine the credentials of our high school graduates, damage the reputations of our colleges and universities, and severely limit the ability of the State of Kansas to lure new businesses and to recruit the best of academic candidates,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the faculty of Wichita State University encourage the Kansas Board of Education reverse and/or reword the decision as soon as policy allows.

*RESOLUTION IN MEMORY OF AL GOSMAN*

*WHEREAS, many current members of the Faculty Senate at Wichita State University remember with warm heart and deep affection the years of service given to the Senate and to the University by Professor Albert L. Gosman before his retirement, recalling especially the sage counsel that he contributed to the Senate discussions on many occasions; and*

*WHEREAS, the news of his death has shocked and profoundly saddened the Senate, whose members now wish to offer their condolences to his wife and widow Marguerite Gosman and to memorialize with this Resolution his extraordinary service;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Resolution has been unanimously approved by the Faculty Senate of Wichita State University this 15<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1999, with instructions that an original copy hereof be conveyed to Marguerite Gosman as a token of the Senate's esteem.*

**WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE MINUTES - November 15, 1999**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Bajaj, Bakken, Bennett, Brooks, Campbell, Carroll, Celestin, Cheraghi, Chopra, Davis, DeLillo, DeSilva, Eggers, Feleppa, Hoyer, Huntley, Kelly, Klingsporn, Klunder, Kuchment, Kuhn, Lancaster, Larson, Lause, Lawless, Long, Mandt, Markovich, Matson, May, Miller, Murphey, Myers, Paarmann, Quantic, Ravigururajan, Riordan, Rokosz, Rosenthal, Scherz, Schommer, Steinke, Swan, Toops, Wine, York

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Pfannestiel

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Blocher, Cavarozzi, Hazen

**Ex-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT:** SGA rep, Zoller, Beggs

**SUMMARY OF ACTION:**

1. Passed unanimously the resolution on the passing of Professor Gosman and a copy will be sent to his widow as a token of the Senate's esteem.
2. Directed the Executive Committee to move forward with an initiative to develop guidelines for program review.

**I. CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by President Mandt.

**II. DISCUSSION OF BUDGET ISSUES AND OTHER QUESTIONS:** President Beggs opened with a statement that all information he receives will be passed on to the presidents of the senates either by himself or Eric Sexton. His desire is that only the correct information is being discussed and he appreciated the lines of communication between himself and Senate President Mandt. He then began by addressing the faculty on the serious budget issues facing Kansas, and noted that the only cut for sure right now is the \$320,000 shortfall from fringe benefit projections which we must come up with. All other figures are simply projections. President Beggs stated that there is simply not enough income in Kansas to match what has been approved by the Legislature for budget. He reported that the Consensus Review Estimating Group, a state-level budget group, has completed their estimates and the Kansas Bureau of the Budget has sent figures for FY2001 (beginning July 1, 2000) with proposed recommendations to the Legislature for dealing with the shortfall. One recommendation from the Bureau of the Budget is that the base budget reduction be increased to \$678,000. Another recommendation is an increase of 2.28%-2.45% shrinkage rate. It will be close to \$2 million in total shrinkage for Wichita State University. None of the Regents' institutions have the same shrinkage rates, so it is difficult to compare what this will mean across the state. For us, there will be no increase of operations funds, no classified merit pay, removal of step increases, elimination of student enhancements, and no program enhancements (the dollar match program for library funds). The total reduction will be approximately 2% of this year's base. He stated again that these all just recommendations.

Beggs then addressed areas which may offset this blow to the budget. With stable recruitment, WSU may be able stay in fairly good shape. Another possibility is if Senate Bill 345, which was approved and budgeted, is not changed, then the Board of Regents will have \$21 million, \$13 million of which is marked for Community College enhancements and \$8 million of which will go to Board of Regents institutions. This money is described as "enhancement dollars" and Beggs stated that there is ambiguity as to the use of this money, whether it is for unclassified enhancement or faculty

enhancement. At present, the language is slanted towards the faculty. Beggs stated that his top priority is still faculty salaries.

The President plans to keep the Faculty Senate advised of this situation by frequent contact with the Executive Committee and by sending information to the general body of the Faculty Senate. By 20 days into next semester, we will know if our projections are accurate for WSU income. Hiring is frozen for three months as a result of the Governors announcement. With regard to faculty positions, Academic Affairs has interpreted this to allow searches to proceed. At issue is the date of hire. The hiring freeze began on November 8. As far as we now know, hiring could begin again on February 8, 2000.

The President then listed his top three priorities for the university:

1. Maintaining the existing base budget.
2. Salary increases and other OOE enhancements.
3. Tuition equity enhancement and library enhancements.

Regarding the issue of potential program cuts, Beggs stated that program review is underway at present anyway with the Vision 20/20 Committee. There may be a need to consider modifying or eliminating programs. He wants academic units to look within and evaluate their resources and programs.

In addition, we may also need to review all services away from campus. From the centers, we are getting significant credit hours at minimal cost, especially at the west campus. In answer to a question about whether the centers should be reviewed by a long-term planning group, Beggs replied that we are delivering three very different programs at these three centers. They all must be looked at along with campus reviews and he said, concluding that "we either have to be in the centers or not."

### **III. INFORMAL STATEMENTS AND PROPOSALS:**

A. Acting VPAA Peter Zoller stated that the recent headline quoting him in the student newspaper, "No Program Cuts," is misleading. Rather, program review is the mechanism which informs us of what to keep and what to cut. Cutting program takes time to implement and we will not get to next year's budget problems this year. The message he wants to convey is more complex than the headline suggested.

B. Senator Murphey, as Parliamentarian, called for the Senate to consider the use of flash photography in a Senate meeting, as had occurred earlier in the meeting when President Beggs was speaking. The Sunflower representative apologized.

C. Additional conversation ensued after President Beggs' departure regarding the centers. Acting VPAA Zoller stated that the administration is analyzing costs at the centers. He also stated that there is a need to determine what we want WSU to be by 2005. What are the urban issues? In addition, there are differing cost issues at each center which need to be evaluated. Senator Long expressed concern that there are students going to the centers which we would rather have here at the main campus. Discussion ensued as well regarding how the use of library resources, especially Reserve resources, could be managed at the centers in the future. Zoller again stated that there is serious need for review of how the centers really fit into long-term planning.

D. Senator Brooks reminded the faculty that there will an AAUP meeting on Friday, November 19 in the RSC, Great Plains Rooms 215-217 at 3:00 PM.

**III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** Accepted as corrected: the correct web address of the AAUP is <http://aaup-in-ks.org>. And Senator Markovich should have been listed at excused.

### **IV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

A. President Mandt noted that the WSU Vision 20/20 projections of goals are being changed and

submitted to the Regents at the next meeting.

B. **COFSP** will be working closely with the Student Advisory Council in planning for ways to present budget problems to the Legislature.

C. Mandt commented on the ongoing unprecedented cooperation of different university constituencies regarding internal budget review: Acting VPAA Zoller is meeting weekly with the Senate Budget Committee and the college retrenchment committees are in place. Mandt plans weekly e-mail updates to all faculty regarding budget details.

E. President Beggs has released mill levy money for Sedgwick County students for the spring semester. High school students can be guest students at WSU in the spring if they were at the DSI.

F. **VPAAR Search:** The first cuts are done. The Search committee is into the phase of phone interviews and requesting letters of reference. After Thanksgiving, there will be in-depth reference calls from the search committee.

G. Some general announcements: The next Faculty Senate meeting will be November 29. Tenure and Promotion recommendations are out. **On December 6, Regents Docking and Wilcox will be on campus to meet with the faculty at 1:30 PM in the Morrison Board Room.** Everyone is encouraged to attend this meeting.

#### V. COMMITTEE REPORTS: none

#### VI. OLD BUSINESS:

Mandt announced that a copy of Faculty Senate Resolution 14 regarding the Science Curricula in Kansas is attached for information only.

#### VII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. The **resolution** on the passing of former WSU faculty member Albert Gosman passed unanimously.

B. **Discussion of Undergraduate Program Approval Procedures:** The background and current status were reviewed. Senator Klunder stated that there are two standing committees which could handle this: Curriculum and Faculty Affairs. President Mandt asked if it is agreeable to the Senate that the Executive Committee push forward towards developing guidelines for undergraduate program review/approval. The Senate voted unanimously in the affirmative.

#### VIII. AS MAY ARISE:

Respectfully Submitted

Nan Myers, Secretary