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WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY

GENERAL FACULTY MEETING

AGENDA

MEETING NOTICE **Tuesday, May 12, 2009**
3:30pm **R S C Ballroom**

Please plan to attend the Faculty Awards Ceremony prior to the General Faculty Meeting. It will begin with a reception at 2:30 and the Awards Ceremony at 3:00

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

- I. Call of the Meeting to Order -- Vice President, Steven Skinner**
- II. Selection of a Secretary**
- III. Approval of the Minutes -- Tuesday, May 13, 2008 -**
- <http://webs.wichita.edu/senate/GF5-13-08.htm>
- IV. Moment of Silence for Deceased Faculty**
- V. Remarks by Faculty Senate President Larry Spurgeon**
- VI. State of the University -- Donald L. Beggs, President**
- VII. State of Academic Affairs -- Gary L. Miller, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs and Research**
- VIII. As May Arise**

**** University Faculty Awards will be presented prior to the General Faculty Meeting. A reception will begin at 2:30 pm followed by comments from Regent Jill Docking, Kansas Board of Regents and the presentation of the Faculty Awards. The event will take place in the RSC Ballroom.**

Minutes of the General Faculty Meeting, May 13, 2008

Meeting called to order at 3:47pm by Faculty Senate Vice President JoLynn Campbell

Bill Vanderburgh was elected Secretary.

_____ was elected Parliamentarian.

Minutes of the General Faculty Meeting of May 8, 2007: Moved, Lancaster; second, Julian; Approved.

Moment of Silence for Deceased Faculty

State of the Senate—Faculty Senate President Sylvia Carruthers

President Carruthers reported on various items considered by the Faculty Senate during 2007 - 08, including accepting proposed revisions to the Subvention Policy, and accepting the proposed Bio-engineering and Dental Hygiene degrees. She noted that most of the business concerned working on the proposed +/- grading system. KBOR visited the WSU campus on April 15; Faculty Senate Executive met with Gary Shearer. What challenges, activities? Spent a lot of time talking about e-learning. Every KBOR meeting includes discussion of the five guiding principles: Is K-12 aligned with admissions expectations at colleges? Participation rates? Retention rates? Aligned with workforce development needs? Documenting learner outcomes in general and specific terms? How to do Regents-wide assessment while retaining the individuality of specific institutions.

She then presented information that the standing committees had been working on:

Rules committee discussed ways to increase participation and representation; new grievance policies; no grievances filed this year.

Academic Affairs committee (Krishnan, chair) worked hard on the plus/minus grading proposal, approved new programs.

Faculty Support Committee expressed concern about the 4% limit on the number of sabbaticals allowed—more sabbaticals have been recommended than can be accommodated.

General Education Committee developed new online exit survey of graduating surveys.

T&P Committee—recommend that external reviews be required in all promotion and tenure reviews (not required in PIR). Expect to have a General Faculty meeting early fall to discuss this topic before formulating Senate action.

It has been a privilege to work with Senate, Executive, Committees, and Senators. She thanked to this year's Executive Committee. Larry Spurgeon, Brigitte Roussel, JoLynn Campbell, Roy Myose, Cathy Moore-Jansen, Lori Miller, and William Vanderburgh. She introduced the Executive Committee for 2008 - 09, Larry Spurgeon, Deborah Soles, Steven Skinner, Brien Bolin, William Vanderburgh, Cathy Moore-Jansen and Frederick Hemans.

State of the University—President Don L. Beggs

President Beggs began by noting that the attendance for Faculty Awards was outstanding, thanked everyone for supporting your colleagues.

He said he has spent a lot of time and effort getting the 5 of 9 KBOR members who are new up to speed. There were a lot of changes. Omnibus bill in legislature included 2.5% salary

increase, OOE increase. WSU based our tuition and fee requests on that. BUT...legislature did not support the governor's recommendations. The 2.5% salary increase for 60% of staff; the other 40% must be made up internally. He noted that his priorities: salaries first; the utilities contract needs to be changed (additional \$300K); \$380K permanent adjustment for library resources. Technology; distributed via eLearning (we have a weak eLearning presence, need to increase faculty support \$350K). Advising, ERP, \$350K. Grad Student stipends are \$9200 for half time; would have been increased in the governor's budget, but now in flux. We had proposed 4.9% tuition increase; operating budget for Regents halved to \$10 Million. Are the expectations for tuition increases changing? If we are not allowed to increase tuition more, we will hold the line on top three priorities. We need to be aware that there are 21 other institutions offering degree courses.

He mentioned that the \$860 one-time bonus last year will become permanent. PIR needs would be taken off the top of the salary increase if needed, but current budget proposal doesn't require that.

He also stated that in a May 5 letter, Reggie Robinson, Chair, KBOR, announced there will be a legislative audit of post-secondary education looking to increase efficiencies; increased teaching loads, lower degree requirements, etc. This is a national trend.

He plans to work closely with all constituencies to resolve the current budget problems, and wanted all to remain encouraged, WSU is doing good things, Planning involves building on strengths. We need to show that our students achieve at the right levels. Economic conditions have changed; there is a historical trend that enrollment increases in tough times. But higher ed in that sense is mostly technical ed; our university is pursuing those issues. We will continue to do well next year, but the projections for 2010 are less positive given the national economy. He said he wanted Faculty to feel good about who you are and what you are doing, because you are good.

State of Academic Affairs—Provost Gary L. Miller

Provost Miller began by saying that President Beggs painted a clear picture of the economic future. That the Budget and post-audit will take most of our time next year. He also said that Sylvia Carruthers has been excellent representation for the faculty this year: Thanks to her and thanks, too, to the Senate; it has been a productive year.

He listed of some of administrative focal points next year -- Refined the mission of the university: urban-serving research university (community and Regents now using that language), Positioning ourselves with Regents so as to have advantages in competition for resources, The national movement regarding USRU is closely aligned with KBORs goals, Biosciences initiative: we are one of two or three major funding targets for the BSI. We will be making an excellent proposal this summer, The student experience, Shared governance, Provost has been charged to look into how we do and should do shared governance—more important than ever because of post-audit, economic downtown.

He noted that teaching is very important. Miller's address to the Academy for Effective Teaching is on the Provost's webpage. He talked about teaching as we wrestle with national movement regarding assessment of student outcomes.

Retention is a KBOR priority; strategic enrollment and retention needs to be in place. Academic division needs to focus on advising. Student centered, student success-based approach. Data shows that the first couple of experiences in a university are highly correlated

with retention and success. First year experience for various types of students. We can overcome economic troubles with higher enrollment.

He announced that Susan Huxman will facilitate a group of thought leaders to dream about a new sort of Honors program for WSU that enriches the intellectual lives of students and faculty.

He noted E-Learning was an HLC concern. We have a huge opportunity, need to invest in it. NIAR will have space at the new Jabara center, will be conducting research and training there. Need to work quickly to develop this; it is new tuition and an economic driver for the region. Although we are not a technical college, we have a responsibility to help educate the regional workforce.

He concluded his remarks by saying it is an honor to be part of this excellent faculty.

Old Business—none

New Business:

1. Motion from Faculty Senate Executive approved by Senate 4-28-08.

WHEREAS 173 faculty from all colleges responded to the survey about plus/minus grading, and
WHEREAS a majority of the respondents are in favor of plus/minus grading,
The Faculty Senate Executive Committee moves that the following be the official policy of WSU, and that the following language be inserted in the WSU Undergraduate Catalog, Graduate Bulletin, and all other relevant documents, subject to ratification at the next meeting of the General Faculty:

The grading system at WSU is

grade	points per credit hour	
A	4.0	The A range denotes excellent performance.
A-	3.7	
B+	3.3	
B	3.0	The B range denotes good performance.
B-	2.7	
C+	2.3	
C	2.0	The C range denotes satisfactory performance.
C-	1.7	
D+	1.3	
D	1.0	The D range denotes unsatisfactory performance.
D-	0.7	
F	0.0	F denotes failing performance.

{Definitions for the grades below to remain the same as p. 34f of the Undergraduate Catalog}

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Cr	Credit
NCr	No credit
S	Satisfactory
U	Unsatisfactory
I	Incomplete
W	Withdrawn
CrE	Credit by examination

<http://webs.wichita.edu/senate/Plus-MinusSurvey.htm>
<http://webs.wichita.edu/senate/Plus-MinusSurveyComments.htm>
<http://webs.wichita.edu/senate/Plus-Minusgrade.htm>
<http://webs.wichita.edu/senate/Plus-Minusgrade-EC%20discussions.htm>
<http://webs.wichita.edu/senate/Plus-Minusgrade-opposing.htm>
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Discussion:

Berman, member of Academic Affairs Committee, thinks the motion is a mistake. If we look at grading as evaluative, it is pretending that we have a larger degree of precision than can be justified. If we look at grading as motivational, there is an inconsistency—preventing grade inflation, motivating students, xxx. Grades are actually depressed, Myose, member Executive committee: Likely to increase grade appeals. Students are against it. It is mandatory, which is bad. Peer Moore-Jansen: concerned with grading large intro classes, worried that subjectivity in grading means he will be unable to defend his grades. Chris Brooks, English. Letters of recommendation for students with low A and high A are different. In humanities, we use +/- all the time. Let's make our grades line up with our real practice. Passed Exec, Senate, survey. Please think about those of us who need this to Schneegurt, Chemistry. The survey conducted was non-scientific. There is no strong undercurrent in faculty who want this. Was at an institution with +/-, and there were many more appeals. Going from 3 to 4 borderlines to Hershfield, Philosophy. Fully in support. In 20 years of teaching, fully confident he can distinguish +/- . Nothing dictates where you set the numerical lines. This is a tool to make more accurate representations of student performance. Hughes, Anthropology. Against the motion.

Motion to Call the Question. Moved, Roussel; seconded, Hershfield: passed.

Secret ballot. 59 in favor of motion, 57 against. Motion passes.

As May Arise - None.

Motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned

William Vanderburgh, Secretary

IN MEMORIAM, 2008 (from May through December)

Peter S. Bartel, 87, assistant professor emeritus of physics, died May 26. Services are 11 a.m. Friday at Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church in Wichita. Survivors include his wife, Amanda; son, Charles Bartel; daughter, Deborah Winegarner; brother, Roland Bartel; sisters, Martha Peters and Linda Goertzen; three grandchildren; one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by seven siblings. A memorial has been established with Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church.

James Ceasar, 92, former professor of violin and concertmaster of the Wichita Symphony, died May 4. He was preceded in death by his wife, Thelma. Survivors include sons William of Wichita and James Jr. of Norway, and a daughter, Karen Hogan of New York. A memorial service was held at Country Acres Baptist Church in Wichita.

James N. Gundersen, 82, professor emeritus of geology, died April 1, at Desert Springs Nursing Home in El Paso, Texas. Survivors include wife, Rae C. of the family home; sons James of St. Charles, Mo., and Karl of St. Louis, Mo.; daughter Elyse McBride of Madison, Wis., and six grandchildren. Memorial services were held in Las Cruces, N.M. A memorial has been established with the Alzheimer Association of New Mexico, 101 N. Alameda, Las Cruces, NM 88001.

Vernon L. (Ben) Hagnauer, 81, research associate, aerospace engineering, died July 4. He also was retired from Cessna Aircraft. He was preceded in death by a sister, Doris Neumann, and brother, Roy Hagnauer. Survivors include wife, Dorothy (Dix) Hagnauer; daughters Dixie Harrison of Kansas City, Kan., and Penny (Dave) Clement of Andover, Kan.; and three grandchildren. A memorial has established with PALS, Animal Rescue Inc. of Wichita. Services have been held.

Joan "Jo" R. Kohman, 77, instructor, English, died July 9. She was preceded in death by her husband, Jim, and sister Helen Marie Lambert. Survivors include son Jim (Lisa) Kohman of Great Bend; daughters, Susan (Roy) Fellows of Augusta; Nancy (Huey) Prohn of Towanda; and Bette (Jeff) Regier of Augusta; 10 grandchildren; and three great grandchildren. Memorials may be made to the Augusta Public Library. Services have been held.

Betty Welsbacher, 82, professor emeritus, School of Music, died July 31. Services are pending with Downing & Lahey Mortuary East.

Lloyd M. Benningfield, 80, former graduate dean and professor, engineering, died Aug. 24. Survivors include his wife, Janice; daughter Yvonne McCarthy (Tim) and son Curtis Benningfield (Tia); four grandchildren; brother-in-law Eldon Adams (Maggie). Memorials have been established with Senior Services and Episcopal Social Services, both in Wichita. Services have been held.

Patricia Loraine Bowen, former associate professor, music education, died Sept. 18. She was preceded in death by her parents, Eugene and Pauline Cobb, and sister Barbara Cobb. She is survived by her son, Wesley David Bowen, and five grandchildren; brothers Morris Cobb and Albert Cobb; sisters Mary Hernandez and Geraldine Crump. A donation in her memory can be made to Youth Development Services in Wichita or to the WSU Plaza of Heroines, c/o John Paul Johnson, director, WSU School of Music. Services have been held.

Jeneva Joy Brewer, 82, former WSU associate professor, mathematics, died Oct. 3. She was preceded in death by her parents, Bernard Walden and Hazel Joy Brewer, and sister Bernette Jean Kroemmelbein. The Jeneva J. Brewer Memorial for the WSU department of mathematics and statistics has been established through the WSU Foundation. Services have been held.

Arthur J. Crowns Jr., 86, retired professor and former chair, administration of justice, died Oct. 13. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother Byron C. Crowns. He is survived by his wife, Joan; sons Scott (Naoko) and Kendall (Beth); brother Donald "Jim" (Marianne); sister Betty Anne (Raymond) Flynn, and many nieces and nephews. Memorials can be sent to the Wichita State University Library. Services have been held.

Karl W. Friedel, 71, former lecturer, speech, and former Sedgwick County district judge, died Sept. 27. He was preceded in death by parents Kenneth and Aline Friedel, and first wife, Coleen. Survivors include wife, Joyce; sons Kenneth (Danette) and Kevin (Jennifer); daughter Amy (Najeeb) Khawaja; stepsons Michael (Susan) Hazelwood, Wayne (Catherine) Hazelwood and Jack (Cindy) Hazelwood; stepdaughter Mary Ann (Terry) Bariel; six grandchildren; six stepgrandchildren; two stepgreatgrandchildren; brother Kaid (Aileen) and brother-in-law Rev. John Dreher; and sister-in-law Dorothy Stoeckinger. Memorials have been established with Harry Hynes Memorial Hospice and Episcopal Social Services, both in Wichita. Services have been held.

James L. "Jim" Hardy, 84, former professor and chair, music education, died Oct. 8. He was preceded in death by parents A.S. and Mabel Hardy. Survivors include his wife, Bonnie; sons Randy Hardy (fiancée Janet Foster), and Roger (Francie) Hardy; daughter Debra (Bobby) Gurule; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. The Dr. James L. Hardy Memorial

for the WSU School of Music has been established through the WSU Foundation. Services have been held.

Lawrence Davis, 67, professor emeritus of English, died Nov. 14. He is survived by daughter, Maya (Loren) Israel of Lenexa, Kan.; sons, Michael (Kellie) Davis of Savannah, Ga., and Jonathan Davis of Omaha, Neb.; former wife, Nurit; granddaughter, Kayla. Private family service has been held.

William C. (Bill) Hays, 64, former associate professor of sociology and gerontology and former director of the Gerontology Center, died at home in Columbia City, Ind., on Nov. 3. He also served as the first president of the Association for Gerontology and Higher Education. He is survived by his wife, Judy Hays.

Roy H. Norris, 78, retired engineering department chairman, died Nov. 27. He is preceded in death by parents Oliver and Helen (Gould) Norris; sisters Helen, Betty, Ester and Peggy; brother James. Survivors include his wife, Patricia; son Roy P. (Michelle) Norris; daughters Elizabeth Ann Norris of Frankston, Texas, and Nicole Alyse (Shay) LaRue; brothers Bill "Merch," Francis "Slick" and Oliver "Ollie"; and seven grandchildren. Memorials can be made to Cerebral Palsy Research Foundation of Kansas Inc., 5111 E. 21st St., Wichita, KS 67208.

Eugene C. Spangler, 93, associate professor emeritus and director of Theatre Services, died Dec. 20. He was preceded in death by his wife, Frances Catlin. He is survived by daughters Marge Crisman, Wichita; Virginia (Harrison) and Skeele, Hillsborough, NJ; Barbara (James) Gillaspie, Ashland, Kan; Marion (Steve) Wong, Wichita; sister Mary Gill, Wichita; eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Memorials have been established with the College Hill United Methodist Church Organ Fund, 2930 E. First St., Wichita, KS 67214 and Hospice Care of Kansas, 808 S. Hillside, Wichita, KS 67211.

John Ellis Stanga Jr., 69, longtime professor of political science, died Dec. 30. He is survived by his wife, Joyce, and three sons, Joseph, John Peter and Thomas. Donations may be made to the Dr. John Stanga Memorial Scholarship through the WSU Foundation, 1845 Fairmount, Wichita, KS 67260-0002.

IN MEMORIAM, 2009 (from January through April 30)

Donald Dee Christenson, 74, former dean of College of Business and vice president of academic affairs, of Austin, TX, died Jan. 23. Survivors include wife, Margie Stoker, Austin, TX; mother, Evelyn Christenson, Mesa, AZ; sister, Ginger Stone, Meza, AZ; sons, Greg Christenson, Kansas City, MO; Tony Christenson, Kansas City, MO; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Memorial Service planned for Feb 14th, Kansas City MO., and later in Mesa, AZ and Northern New Mexico. Contributions may be made to American Cancer Society or charity of choice.

Wesley Lee Faires, 76, retired WSU speech pathology professor and department head, died May 3. Services were held Thursday, May 7, in El Dorado. Survivors include children Katherine Faulkner, Julia Molstad and Robert (Maureen) Faires, all of Wichita; Michele Reynolds of Goddard, David (Kay) Faires of Woodstock, Ga., Samuel Faires of Wichita; adopted children, Howard Faires of Wichita, Robert Faires of Ogden, Kan., Laurel Faires of Augusta; 13 grandchildren; 1 great-grandchild. Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association or Heartspring in Wichita.

Elizabeth Ruth Smith, 80, former Wichita State University and Wichita Public Schools teacher, died Feb. 25 at Grove, Okla. General Hospital. She is survived by husband, Charles, of Grove; daughter, Susan Waedle, Grove; son, Alan Smith, Atlanta; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by sister, Vera Clark. The family asks for donations of time and energy to your local public school system and Humane Society.

Kurt Albert Soschinske, 50, assistant professor, died March 2. Survivors include wife, Amy (Allen) Soschinske; son, Jack Albert Soschinske of Wichita; parents, Albert and Betty Soschinske of Hartford, WI; sister, Gail Soschinske of Hartford, WI; many relatives and friends. A memorial has been established with Reformation Lutheran Church, 7601 E. 13th, Wichita, KS 67206.

Minutes of the General Faculty Meeting May 12, 2009

Meeting called to order at 3:47pm by Faculty Senate Vice President Steven Skinner.

Brien Bolin was selected Secretary.

Minutes of the General Faculty Meeting of May 13, 2008: Moved, Jeff Hershfield; second, John Geiss; Approved.

Moment of Silence for Deceased Faculty

State of the Senate—Faculty Senate President Larry Spurgeon

The year was framed by the economic events. The faculty senate focused on 3 main action items over the year. In the fall the senate approved the change to the Tenure & Promotion policy to make external reviews mandatory. In the spring the senate revised the grievance procedures to simplify the deadlines and added an informal voluntary mediation process and ombudsman role. Finally, the faculty senate took on the XF policy. The policy was initiated by the student senate in 2005 and subsequently approved by the faculty senate, sent back to the senate by the provost's office, and now in 2009 seems to be plagued by more issues than cannot be resolved. Therefore, the policy will not move forward. However, President Spurgeon wanted the incoming senate and faculty to know that there are many important issues that need to be addressed around academic honesty. Some issues were identified which need to be looked at next year.

The senate worked closely with the provost's office on the issue of transparency in governance. At the beginning of the academic year Provost Miller said that he wanted to work with a faculty advisory group on strategic planning. The senate's planning and budget committee became that advisory group. This was the opportunity to have open discussion with the provost about the economic issues and planning ahead. This will continue under the leadership of President Elect Debbie Soles.

The senate as it moves into next year will proactively look into the issues and curriculum of general education. It seemed that throughout the year there were two themes he consistently heard at the university, in Topeka, in articles about higher education, and at a conference he attended on the future of faculty - the importance of preserving liberal education and the need to revise General Education. He said this will become a priority as the budget issues continue to reshape higher education. Changes in general education are a national trend. The importance of continuing Liberal Education cannot be understated for higher education. Liberal arts need to be infused with the professional schools. He and President-elect Soles have discussed a process to begin the work on General Education, to appoint a small number of faculty members to a task force to do some research about what other universities are doing and their successes and failures, as well as what is going on at WSU. It will be a long process; however, we want to get it right. He concluded his remarks by reading excerpts from a commencement speech given by President Eisenhower in 1955, stressing the importance of a liberal education being integrated with a practical education,

“...In this country we emphasize both liberal and practical education. But too often it is a liberal education for one and a practical education for another. What we desperately need is an integrated liberal, practical education for the same person--for every American youth who can possibly obtain its blessings. Hand and head and heart were made to work together. They must work together. They should be educated together....

...What we need is general education, combining the liberal and the practical, which helps a student achieve the solid foundation of understanding--understanding of man's social institutions, of man's art and culture, and of the physical and biological and spiritual world in which he lives. It is an education which helps each individual learn how to relate one relevant fact to another; to get the total of relevant facts affecting a given situation in perspective; and to reason critically and with objectivity and moral conscience toward solutions to those situations or problems.”

State of the University – President Don L. Beggs

President Beggs said that he wants to take the opportunity to provide an update on the current situation on the budget. The budget situation will be very active over the next five weeks. The issue of a tuition increase will be one of the topics of discussion. The legislature sent the governor a budget. However, there could be line item vetoes. He said that if it had not been for the 2nd highest number of student credit hours this semester it would have been worse.

Throughout this year President Beggs has worked very closely with Larry Spurgeon (Faculty Senate President), Mary Herrin, and Gary Miller. President Beggs wanted to thank these individuals for the work they have done this year. In August when it looked like 7% was the reduction amount Wichita State University had a 2% buffer built into the budget. If not for the credit hour production this year the 2% buffer would not have covered the needs this year. On April 14th a new budget recommendation was given to the regents' universities. A 10% reduction was called for. If the legislature called for more than a 7% cut, then tuition increases would be necessary. Wichita State University's tuition proposal is due to the state on May 13, 2009.

However, in all of this budgeting for FY 10 and 11 there are unfunded mandates. These include health insurance, minimum wage increases for unclassified professionals, utilities and faculty promotions. These unfunded mandates will take an additional 3.2% increase. This will need to be built into the budget.

The number of out of state and international students increased in FY 2009. WSU planned and prepared to implement budget cuts early on. We did not fill empty positions and contracts that had ended. There are no plans for furloughs or decreases in base salaries at WSU. The university will have to redefine itself.

We need to get through the reductions to know what our base is. 80% of the resources of the university are spent on people. There will be changes over the next couple of years, and the university will continue to plan for the future. How does the university generate hours? How will we recruit and retain students?

State of Academic Affairs – Provost Gary L. Miller

Provost Miller said that it was an honor to have Larry Spurgeon representing Wichita State University at The Board of Regents as our Faculty Senate President this year. He said that the faculty should be proud of the representation of Larry Spurgeon this year.

As Wichita State University reshapes and refocuses its priorities there are some changes in the coming year. Due to the budget situation some initiatives must be held back. The Honors Program Director is now being filled by Bill Vandenberg in the CTRE office. This is a temporary change. The Globalization Initiative has changed, and the e-learning initiative has also been scaled back.

There are areas of strengths at WSU. WSU is well on its way to improving shared governance. The research opportunities are booming. Bio-Medical, Aero Space, Networking and a just announced 6 million grants for Professor Bousfield's work. Programs in biology, psychology, computer science, and engineering will be very involved in the medical and bio science advances as the university moves forward. Provost Miller recognized Vice President Kopita and his shared vision of student successes and increasing enrollment.

Provost Miller talked about challenges in higher education nationally. A different kind of university will emerge from the budget crisis. Higher education will look much different in the coming decade. Urban universities like Wichita State are at an advantage to become a natural leader in higher education. The Board of Regents will be asking strategic questions about recruitment, retention, and research goals of universities.

There will be more teaching, not just in Kansas but a national trend. He said there are questions being raised. How do faculty work? How do faculty do their work? What are their teaching loads? How do they schedule classes? What are their administrative supports? How are adjuncts used and how are classes scheduled? How is information delivered? What is class size and does it really matter if a class is 10 or 100 or 200? How is technology used to teach?

We will think about curriculum and how it is delivered. We will look at inter disciplinary collaboration and revolutionary thinking about programs. The student experience is largely our shared responsibility between students and faculty getting them to graduation, we must work together. The most difficult issue is can we trust each other enough to move forward? Which part of these issues do we need to confront to bring faculty and administration together? During the summer we will work with President Elect of the Faculty Senate Debby Soles to begin moving forward, reshaping, and refocusing. He said that he is optimistic but also realistic.

Provost Miller wanted to express his thanks for the work of Mary Herrin. He asked if there were any questions. There were no questions from the audience.

Vice President of the Faculty Senate Steven Skinner thanked President Beggs and Provost Miller.

There was no Old Business or New Business.

Meeting Adjourned 4:35