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### Agenda and Minutes of the Meeting of April 27, 2015



# Agenda for the Faculty Senate Meeting

Monday, April 27, 2015 3:30pm CH 126

1. Call to order
2. Informal Statements and Proposals
3. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting Monday, April 13, 2015
4. President's Report - Mehmet Barut
5. Committee Reports - Peer Moore-Jansen
  - A. Faculty Senate Standing Committee Annual Reports
    - Court of Academic Appeals
    - Faculty Affairs
    - Faculty Support
    - General Education
    - Tenure & Promotion
    - University Admissions & Exceptions
6. WSU Social Media Implementation Policy:(2nd reading) (attached to meeting notice and on Bb)
7. Briefing: Strategic Planning and WSU Ventures – Cindy Claycomb, Asst to the President, Strategic Planning and Director WSU Ventures
8. As may arise
9. Adjournment

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# Minutes for the Faculty Senate Meeting

Monday, April 27, 2015

**Senators Present:** Adler, Ahmed, Barut, Brooks, Bryant, Castro, Celestin, Chang, Decker, Dehner, Hornm, Huckstadt, Hull, Hughes, Johnson, Klunder, Moore-Jdansen, Mosack Rokosz, Ross, Shaw, Taher, Trechak, Walker, Yeager, Yildirim

**Senators Absent:** Hanawalt Houseman, Hunsicker, Perry, Ramanan, Woods, Yao, Yu

**Senators excused:** Baker, Bergman, Close, Mason, Rillema

## Summary of Action:

1. **Accepted the Social Media Implementation for WSU as amended**
2. **Accepted Standing Committee Annual Reports (see Committee reports)**

1. **Call to order** by President Mehmet Barut at 3:30 pm and ask that the order of the meeting be changed

7. **Briefing: Strategic Planning and WSU Ventures** – Cindy Claycomb, Asst to the President, Strategic Planning and Director WSU Ventures

- Steering Committee is continuing to work on strategic development with representatives from all of the colleges. The strategic plan is a living document and should drive the actions that we take..
- The committee is working to figure out how to measure if we are making progress toward our goals. Developing a 'supermeasure'. The 7 goals are strategies to achieve the university's vision and mission. They want to create a process of continuous feedback and improvement.
- \* WSU Ventures [slides to be posted on Bb] – Cindy provided several examples of research projects that were developed on campus.
- \* WSU Ventures helps with Intellectual property disclosures – Currently Engineering has 16% and NIAR approx 15%. It would be good to see more in other areas too. There is a lot of development being done in the university community that is not being protected by IP disclosure.
- Mission statement: to leverage the intellect and talent to benefit high achievers, investors, the university community and the people of Kansas.
- \* Primary activities: knowledge transfer (through licensing outside the university), economic development (new start ups built around our existing assets), sponsored research (engage with industry to promote WSU research interests and use our facilities).
- They can help evaluate ideas for potential marketing and can help connect with industry sponsors. They are working closely with the Center for Entrepreneurship.
- Benefits to faculty: recognition as a scholar, publications, opportunities for your students, media exposure, new resources. (Inviting people to partner based on what they are already doing, not necessarily taking on many new things).
- \* Looking for knowledge that has value to users outside the university, marketable products, etc.

Q: What is the current profit sharing / revenue distribution agreement (RDA): 50% to inventor(s), 25% to dept/lab, 25% to WSU Ventures; this is current practice and she is not aware that it is negotiable in practice although it may be in theory.

Q: What about Student revenue sharing. If the creation comes out of classwork, then an agreement must be

negotiated, it is more negotiable because the university doesn't own their intellectual property under these conditions.

Q: What about royalties? No royalties are taken by the university, it all goes to the autho

## 2. Informal Statements and Proposals

- A faculty member had research projects from his students accepted at a conference last year, but had a very difficult time finding funding to support undergraduate conference travel. Is there such funding available on campus as part of the Strategic Plan or Innovation campus? Money is available through the Undergraduate Research Grant program (administered through the Honors College) <http://webs.wichita.edu/?u=honors&p=/undergraduatestudentresearch/> Members of student organizations can also apply for travel funds through SGA.

## 6. WSU Social Media Implementation Policy:(2nd reading) (attached to meeting notice and on Bb)

- \* Senator Dehner: For clarification: opening paragraph should include a link to AAUP 1940 statements as the basis for academic freedom principles. Accepted as a friendly amendment
- \* Additional recommendation: At the end of section 6: in an effort to make sure that recommendations would be followed except in exceptional circumstances. "This procedure assumes that the committee's recommendations will generally be accepted, or modified only for compelling reasons." Accepted as a friendly amendment.
- \* Discussion about appointment of the 5th member by the President of the University. Proposed amendment: to go back to the original language to select 3 members of the committee from the Peer group, and 1 from each of the other constituent groups. (strike 3b3). Approved.
- \* Discussion about whether the consituent President alone should make the committee appointments. No modification made.
- \* Friendly amendment to 3.: "employee may request the respective constituent president to replace any member due to conflict of interest."

Motion to approve the Policy as amended. Approved.

## 3. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting Monday, April 13, 2015. Approved.

## 4. President's Report - Mehmet Barut

- The COFSP decided to write a letter to KBOR instead of launching a public campaign. The following points were emphasized:

- \* A proposed 2 year tuition freeze for the KBOR schools places higher education at a critical juncture. Enrollment in our Universities has increased, costs have increased, and unfunded mandates from state and federal laws continue to appear. This proposed tuition freeze without additional funding is another substantial budget cut for higher education that will negatively impact our students.
- \* Students scholarship funds would decrease, reducing opportunities for Kansas students. Our universities will have to cut class sections and increase class sizes, decreasing the quality of a Kansas education and degree. The hiring of new faculty members, who are critically needed in programs where enrollment has increased, would not be possible, and accreditation of some programs might be jeopardized. This will increase the likelihood that our faculty members will seek jobs in other states.
- \* We believe that the proposed tuition freeze without additional funding from the state would severely damage the higher education system in which generations of Kansans have invested. We urge you to consider these points as you continue to advocate for Kansas higher education.

- \* The Faculty Senate Executive Committee received an anonymous letter posing multiple questions about university budget priorities and organizational restructuring. The Ex Comm discussed the contents of the letter with VP Vizzini and feel that there is no action to be taken at this point. Vizzini stated that his door is open and welcomes any discussion that people want to have.

## 5. Committee Reports

A. Rules Committee- Peer Moore-Jansen, chair - no report.

**B. Faculty Senate Standing Committee Annual Reports**

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- Motion to accept the annual reports as posted online. Approved.

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**Reminders:**

- Shocker Pride Celebration April 28 @ 3:30: Bob Ross, Elizabeth Behrman and Chris Brooks receiving the President's Distinguished Service awards.
- Friday May 8 - Award Ceremony and General Faculty meeting (2:30 and 3:00) KBOR Regent Wilks, Bardo and Vizzini remarks, with meeting to follow. Beggs Ballroom.
- May 11 - final Faculty Senate meeting with elections for the Executive committee.

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