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WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY

FACULTY SENATE

AGENDA

MEETING NOTICE: Monday, April 9, 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
 - A. General Education Ad Hoc Committee
 - B. Rules Committee - Election Update, Barbara Hodson
- VI. Old Business
 - A. WSU Undergraduate Certificate Programs *(2/26/01 agenda attachment)*
 - B. WSU Honor Societies
- VII. New Business
 - A. WSU Thesis and Dissertation Sequestration Policy *(yellow attachment)*
- VIII. As May Arise

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WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY THESIS AND DISSERTATION SEQUESTRATION POLICY

Initiating Authority: Relations	Vice President for Research, Governmental and Industrial Relations
Accountability:	Dean of the Graduate School
Purpose:	To establish procedures regarding the sequestration of graduate theses and dissertations that contain descriptions of proprietary information or intellectual property (hereinafter "intellectual property"), which if made available to the public, may jeopardize the ability of the owners of the intellectual property to obtain a patent.

I. Preamble

A thesis or dissertation project may result in the development of intellectual property, and it may be necessary for the sake of completeness to include information about the discovery in the written document that is presented to the Graduate School in partial fulfillment of degree requirements. The faculty advisor, the student, and/or the University may have, consistent with University policy, an interest in pursuing a patent for such intellectual property, and the usual practice of making the thesis or dissertation available to the public could jeopardize the ability to obtain a patent.

II. Policy Statement

Upon written request by a faculty thesis or dissertation advisor, a graduate student who is the author of a thesis or dissertation, or the University Patent Officer, the Dean of the Graduate School may, after giving consideration to the respective interests of all concerned, sequester the academic document in question, i.e., prohibit public disclosure, for a period of one year from the date of the decision to sequester. In reviewing such requests, the Dean should consider the full implication of sequestration on ongoing and future academic and scholarly work at the University.

If a decision is made to sequester a thesis or dissertation, all components of the sequestered thesis or dissertation, including all digital and mediated materials, will be maintained in the office of the Dean of the Graduate School to assure that such components are not separated. The Dean of the Graduate School will inform the Dean of University Libraries of all sequestration decisions made relative to this policy, and will provide pertinent information concerning a thesis or dissertation to be sequestered, such as title, student name and graduation date, department, and thesis or dissertation director's name to the Dean of University Libraries.

At the end of the one year period, the Dean of the Graduate School will initiate a review of the sequestered thesis or dissertation with the appropriate individuals and determine whether it is reasonable and proper to continue the sequestration for a second year. Continued withholding of the thesis or dissertation beyond the second year will be considered only in special and very unusual circumstances. The completion of the requirements for a graduate degree will not be affected in any way

by the sequestration of a thesis or dissertation.

Pursuant to the University patent policy, it is the responsibility of the faculty advisor and the student to protect the intellectual property during the conduct of the project and the writing of the document, and in any examinations over the contents of the document. The faculty advisor and the student should consult with the Dean of the Graduate School and the University Patent Officer about these matters.

III. Implementation

This policy will be disseminated to faculty through campus mail.

IV. Effective Date

This policy will be effective January 15, 2001.

Donald L. Beggs, President

Date

WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE MINUTES - April 9, 2001

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bakken, Behrman, Byrum, Campbell, Carroll, Celestin, DeLillo, deSilva, Ericson, Feleppa, Hershfield, Hodson, Hoek, Hundley, Huntley, Iacovetta, Klunder, Kohan, Kraft, Lancaster, Lause, Mandt, Matson, Mau, May, Miller, Murphey, Myers, Paarmann, Ravigururajan, Riordan, Rokosz, Smith-Campbell, Swan

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bajaj, Cheraghi, Clark, Davis, Herzog, Hughes, Kabagrama, Kuhn, Lawless, Lescoe-Long, Liera-Schwichtenberg, Long, Scheuerman

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Blocher, Hazen, Markovich

Ex-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT: Kindrick

SUMMARY OF ACTION:

1. Accepted the recommendation from Academic Affairs that all WSU Undergraduate Certificate Programs be submitted for review and approval to the University Curriculum Committee.

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

II. INFORMAL STATEMENTS & PROPOSALS:

Senator Murphey discussed a problem regarding annual reports for untenured faculty. Some faculty members have not listed published articles or books when such items had been listed in a previous annual report as, for example, "in press". These faculty members apparently did not wish to appear to "double counting" these publications. Departments, however, may become concerned when items which were listed as "in press" do not appear on a later annual report as being published; the veracity of a faculty member might come into question. Senators Carroll, Klunder, Mau, and Swan offered comments.

Senator Byrum discussed the use of the term "tenure eligible" which WSU uses in advertisements for "tenure track" vacancies. President Klunder said this matter was being considered.

Senator Hershfield discussed the meaning of the term "biannually" in the Core Performance Indicators document. (From the 1992 edition of the Random House Webster's College Dictionary: biannual 1. occurring twice a year; semiannual. 2. occurring every two years; biennial.)

Senator Mandt noted that Thayne Currie (Physics & Philosophy) has been awarded a Goldwater Scholarship. This is a first for WSU.

Senator Carroll mentioned the wonderful attendance at "Merlin".

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Minutes of 3/26/01 accepted as corrected Senator Matson (and others) noted minor errors in the minutes (i.e. M.I.C.T., 9 AM (last sentence)). The minutes were approved as corrected. (Someone does read the minutes!)

IV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Klunder noted that 1. SGA is funding some summer scholarships, 2. The other senates (SGA, Classified & Unclassified) has approved the Intellectual Properties document, 3. The Capital Improvement and Planning Committee (CIPC) indicated that the parking and road system improvements will cost approximately \$1,000,000 less than originally thought; this will mean that fewer bonds will need to be sold. Senator Byrum asked about other projects being considered by the CIPC. President Klunder listed four (road improvements, Henry Levitt, Welcome Center & parking maintenance) being considered and one (3D Art & Painting Building) on the "wish list". Senator Mandt discussed the "renovations of the renovation" of Neff Hall. Senator Hershfield asked about the Welcome Center. A discussion followed; participants included President Klunder, VPAARR Kindrick, Senators Byrum and Matson, and others.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The Rules Committee noted that senate seat vacancies exist in Business (Accounting) and Art & Design. Senators Carroll, DeSilva, Hershfield, Kraft and President Klunder discussed the difficulty of getting faculty from some Colleges to serve on university bodies.

President Klunder discussed the ad hoc General Education committee. Senators Carroll, DeSilva, Hershfield, Hundley, Klunder, Mandt, Matson, Myers, Smith-Campbell, Swan and others discussed this committee. One request was a clear statement of the charge of ad hoc committee; President Klunder replied that the charge was to "examine general education" and elaborated on this statement. The deadline for nominations to this committee: Friday, April 13, 2001.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

A. WSU Undergraduate Certificate Programs: President Klunder expressed a desire for the sense of the Faculty Senate regarding the procedure for approving undergraduate certificates. After discussion Senate Campbell moved (2nd Miller) that the recommendation from the Academic Affairs Committee be accepted -"The Faculty Senate recommends that all WSU Undergraduate Certificate Programs be submitted for review and approval to the University Curriculum Committee". Motion passed.

B. WSU Honor Societies: A discussion about WSU Honor societies centered around the question of which faculty would be willing to serve as advisors as well as where they would be housed and how they would be funded. It was decided that the Executive Committee would issue a charge to the Honors Committee to investigate these questions and report to the senate.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. WSU Thesis and Dissertation Sequestration Policy (1st reading): President Klunder requested that Senators look over the Thesis and Dissertation Sequestration Policy

VIII. AS MAY ARISE: none

Respectfully submitted
Kirk Lancaster
Secretary