

**Faculty Senate Minutes**  
**Thursday, January 17, 2019, Alumni House, 1:30 p.m.**

**I. Attendance**

K. Armbruster, K. Corley, G. Glasgow, T. Green, S. Jensen, D. MacCartney, J. Palmer, Kelly-Kate Pease, T. Reilly, L. Risik, G. Renz, H. Singaravelu, L. Teeter, P. Witkowski.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

1. Upon motion by G. Renz, seconded by K.K. Pease, the Senate unanimously approved the minutes of the December 13, 2018 Faculty Senate meeting pending amendment of the language of Section II: Old Business, #3, to read as follows:

“K.K. Pease proposed the following revised Academic Program Closure Language. (Attachment A). The Senate agreed that after a few more changes, G. Renz and K. K. Pease will seek Provost Schuster’s **“feedback”** (formerly ‘approval’) before presenting it to the Faculty Assembly at the February meeting.”

**III. Old Business**

2. The Senate agreed that the open WSBT seat on Graduate Council and the open SOC seat on International Studies Committee do not need to be refilled at this time pursuant to the upcoming elections.

**IV. New Business**

3. Dr. Debbie Stiles made a brief presentation to the Senate with three objectives: 1) To give her gratitude to the Senate for hearing her; 2) To bring attention to the state and plight of Missouri’s children; and 3) To make the Senate aware of who she is and what is happening in the School of Education at Webster University. She is concerned that there may be evidence of age discrimination and gender discrimination occurring in the School of Education and would like the Senate’s support in addressing the Graduate Council with her concerns.
4. G. Renz presented the below table of expiring Senate positions and everyone agreed that it was correct and also that Kathy Corley will need to be replaced for one year due to her retirement.

**Faculty Senate (2-year term for Senators, 3-year term for President)**

|                                      | Member      | Term expires May 2019 | Term expires May 2020 |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| College of Arts & Sciences 1         | Armbruster  |                       | X                     |
| College of Arts & Sciences 2         | Singaravelu | X                     |                       |
| Leigh Gerding College of Fine Arts 1 | Glasgow     |                       | X                     |

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| Leigh Gerdine College of Fine Arts 2     | Teeter   | X        |          |
| School of Communication 1                | Corley ( <i>Need to replace retiring 5/31/19</i> ) |          | X        |
| School of Communication 2                | Sagovac  | X        |          |
| School of Education 1                    | <b>OPEN</b>  |          | X        |
| School of Education 2                    | Witkowski  | X        |          |
| Walker School of Business & Technology 1 | Haldeman   |          | X        |
| Walker School of Business & Technology 2 | Risik  | X        |          |
| At-Large Seat 1                          | MacCartney   |          | X        |
| At-Large Seat 2                          | Reilly   |          | X        |
| At-Large Seat 3                          | Pease  |          | X        |
| At-Large Seat 4                          | Green  | X        |          |
| At-Large Seat 5                          | Jensen   | X        |          |
| At-Large Seat 6                          | Palmer   | X        |          |
| <b>Current Stagger</b>                   |  | <b>8</b> | <b>8</b> |

5. The Senate gave their condolences to J. Palmer on the passing of her mother and informed her that the Senate made a contribution to GRREAT (Golden Retriever Rescue, Education and Training) in memory of her mother.
6. The Senate decided that G. Renz will extend an invitation to President Stroble and Provost Schuster to attend the next Senate meeting on January 31, 2019.
7. The Senate would like the Academic Program Review Committee to give an update on its progress at the next Faculty Assembly meeting on February 12, 2019.
8. G. Renz said he was told by Rita Smith that next year's Senate budget had to be reduced by 8% from this year's budget. He told the senate that he zeroed out all expense accounts to keep as much money as possible in the Professional Development fund that covers the Faculty Institutes. However, the reduced AY 2019-2020 professional development fund will not cover the cost of the 2019 Fall Institute.
9. The Senate decided that 2-3 rooms would be set aside for any new faculty hires for the 2019 Fall Faculty Institute at Pere Marquette because the room reservations will need to be made by mid-June 2019, possibly before the new faculty begin at Webster.
10. K.K. Pease presented four possible topics for the 2019 Spring Institute:
  - i. Revisiting the Boyer model.
  - ii. Revisit changes to the University Handbook
  - iii. Invite members of the Webster Board of Trustees to make attend and talk with faculty
  - iv. Discuss faculty members' expectations and responsibilities

After discussion, the Senate unanimously approved a motion by K. K. Pease, seconded by T. Reilly, to have the 2019 Spring Institute focus on the last option. The Institute will be entitled “*Healthy Culture: Faculty Responsibilities and Expectations.*” G. Renz said he will contact David Robinson of the AAUP to see if he or others at the AAUP would be willing to mediate one or more of the sessions at the Spring Institute.

11. Scott Jensen informed the Senate there is a debate tournament on the campus the weekend of January 25, 2019 and all open rooms/spaces will be utilized for this tournament. Gina Jensen is in charge of the tournament and she will be located in the conference room at the University Center if anyone has any problems.

**Meeting Adjourned: 3:30 p.m.**