

BSC General Faculty Meeting – Minutes

Monday, April 21, 2014 – 3 p.m.

Tierney Auditorium, Dickason Hall

Attendees: William Aldridge, Tesfaye Belay, Albert Berkoh, Jeffrey Bolton, Shannon Bowling, Colin Cavell, Carol Cofer, Jan Czarnecki, Sheila Gates, Shelia Hallman-Warner, Deb Halsey-Hunter, Geoffrey Hunter, Sudhakar Jamkhandi, Peggy Johnson, Andrew Kulchar, Thomas LaFone, Angela Lambert, Mike Lilly, Darrel Malamisura, Rodney Montague, Norman Mirsky, Betty Nash, Tina Nicholson, Julie Orr, Luciano Picanco, Roy Pruett, Betsy Steenken, John Snead, Terene Stilner, James Walters, Sherri Williams, Anthony Woart, Sandy Wynn

I. Call to Order

II. Introduction of and greetings from Dr. Krotseng and Dr. Zak Hossain

Dr. Krotseng: Thanks the faculty for what they do for BSC and its students. Over the next few weeks, we will be celebrating our successes in athletics and academics.

Dr. Hossain: In particular, would like to thank the Faculty Senate – attended every meeting this year. He came, took notes, and shared with Dr. Krotseng what was on the faculty's minds. He also worked with Carol prior to the meetings. He enjoyed attending the meetings.

Governance is one of his strengths, goal is to listen to faculty. Worked with Carol prior to meetings. Enjoys being here.

III. Election of Faculty Senate Officers for 2014-2015 Academic Year.

A. Chair and Vice Chair

Betsy Steenken nominated Darrel Malamisura, Sherri Williams seconded.

Jan Czarnecki nominated Mike Lilly, Sherri Williams seconded

Agreement that the faculty member with the second-highest vote would serve as Vice Chair.

Voting by ballot: First vote was 16/16. Second vote was 16/16. On the third vote, Carol abstained, and with the arrival of an additional faculty member, the final vote was the following:

Darrel Malamisura 17, Mike Lilly 15.

B. Secretary –

Dr. Jamkhandi nominated Jan Czarnecki, Sheila Gates seconded.

With no further nominations, the nominations were closed. The motion carried unanimously.

C. College Council Representative

Sandy Wynn nominated Shelia Gates. Sherri Williams seconded.

With no further nominations, the nominations were closed. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Student Disciplinary Appeals Committee – 2 members and an alternate

Norm Mirsky nominated Dr. Woart; Colin Cavell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Jamkhandi nominated Geoff Hunter. Seconded by Dr. Belay. The motion passed unanimously.

For alternate:

Dr. Jamkhandi nominated Luciano Picanco, Sherri William seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

IV. Chair Summary of 2013-2014 Faculty Senate Work.

Carol reviewed the following items:

Chair Summary of 2013-2014 Faculty Senate Work:

- Faculty Handbook has been revised, approved by Senate and reviewed by BOG.
- Resolution Passed: *All credit bearing courses, including all CNED courses, and those courses not previously approved, must go through the curriculum-approval process beginning Spring, 2014.* Sent on to Dr. Hossain for administration approval and then implementation.
- Academic Calendar – Senate input is now requested prior to finalization. Goal is for our academic calendar to be in line with CU and other institutions in region, beginning with the 2015-2016 academic year (unable to do for 2014-15 due to financial aid distribution)
- 490 Courses – reminder that if you teach a 490 course for more than 1 year, it should go through the Curriculum Proposal process and Curriculum Committee to be given a new CRN number of its own. 490 was created for one time courses, to try out a new course, etc. We have some 490 courses that have been on schedule for years.
- Merit Pay Policy (Policy 38) suspended from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014, due to inequities in our plan that were identified in past. This was done because there is a proposed \$500 across-the-board salary increase which would have otherwise required application of the Merit Pay Plan guidelines.
- Faculty of Year Nomination form to be completed when making a nomination, and faculty can nominate an individual who is not in their school.
- Comparison LMS Report was reviewed, unanimous vote at March meeting to maintain our current status using both Moodle and BB platforms, with an additional recommendation at April meeting (by a vote of 8-6) that if administration's decision is to go with one LMS platform (eg – Moodle or BB), that Moodle be the platform. Dr. Hossain assured Senate that no decision will be made over the summer. Should the

decision be for the selection of one platform – faculty will be given plenty of advance notice of the decision, and sufficient time, training, and support in whatever transitions are necessary (migration plan). There will be no changes in our current LMS in the 2014-2015 academic year.

V. Action Items for 2014-2015 Faculty Senate

Carol reviewed the following items:

- Review any minor updates to Faculty Handbook
- Reconvene ad hoc committee for revisions of the Merit Pay Plan
- WP/WF Policy
- Further refine Faculty of Year guidelines
- Refine P&T guidelines, particularly as relates to method of submitting application and required documentation (this will be a P&T Committee activity)
- Routing Sheet for Curriculum Proposals – President as final signatory? (this will be a Curriculum Committee activity)

VI. Other

Carol reminded the faculty that the minutes of the Faculty Senate and General Faculty meetings are posted on the BSC website at the following link: <http://bluefieldstate.edu/fs-minutes>

Julie Orr thanked people who participated in the Jerolee White 5K Run and Walk.

Dr. Jamkhandi reminded the faculty of the first annual Agora presentations and awards in the student center on Wednesday at 6 p.m. Agora is a literary competition and publication of the Humanities department to promote creativity.

VII. Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jan Czarnecki, Secretary