

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

Friday, January 16, 2015

Mahood Conference Room, Mahood Hall

Attendees: Steve Bourne, Jan Czarnecki, Tammy Ferguson, Geoff Hunter, Mike Lilly, Darrel Malamisura, Sheila Sargent-Martin, Norm Mirsky, Adem Ozyavas, Luciano Picanco, John Snead, Terene Stiltner, Debbie Surface, Darrell Thompson,

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 11 a.m.

II. Approval of Minutes from the December 14, 2014 meeting.

Mike moved to approve minutes; Darrell Thompson seconded, vote unanimous, motion carried.

III. Old Business

A. Board of Governor's Meeting in December.

Darrel: Thought it went well. Showed presentation to Roger Topping (Chair, BOG) and Dr. Krotseng the day prior to the meeting. Mr. Topping's response was favorable – said he couldn't disagree with anything.

Norm: Thought the Vice Chair (Robert Perkinson) was receptive.

Darrel: Mr. Topping said he would come to Faculty Senate meetings if asked. We will have to meet multiple times to accommodate his schedule. Perhaps Friday evenings, maybe early morning.

B. General Faculty meeting

Will likely meet in February to discuss various issues.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Assessment - No report

B. Budget (Mike Lilly) – No report

C. ACT (Mike) –

Legislative Day is 27th of January. Dr. Cavell and Jim Nelson will be taking a van and meeting with legislators. Everything is new after the last election. Will be meeting with the new head of the Senate Education Committee.

D. Curriculum (Mike) – no report; Darrell signed previous approvals.

E. Professional Development – no report

F. Promotion and Tenure - no report

G. BOG (Norm) – no report (other than in old business)

H. College Council - no report

I. Student Academic Appeals – (Darrell Thompson) – two grade appeals before committee

J. Student Disciplinary Appeals – no report.

K. Faculty Salary Pay Plan (Tony) – no report

V. New Business

A. Technology Committee

New permanent committee. Need five members, three of which can be from the Faculty Senate.

Engineering: Adem

Nursing and Allied Health: Tina

Education: Terene (Shelia will substitute if necessary)

Darrel: Will ask Dr. Krotseng and Dr. Hossain to not make any decisions regarding technology without first consulting with the committee.

B. WVU purchase of Mountain State campus in Beckley

Discussion: Not clear as to what their plans are.

Darrel: Some blowback from New River students transferring to four-year schools. Has heard of complaints from students in dealing with administrative issues.

C. 15 to Finish

General Discussion: Overall reception on campus has been negative. Concern that it will be dictated, particularly to our student athletes.

Luciano: Concern that decisions are made without understanding the culture.

Norm: It is not a mandate - it's a suggestion.

Jan: Provost aware that it has not been warming received.

Darrel and Luciano: Draft a letter from the Faculty Senate that it be clear it is an initiative and suggestion, not a mandate or that it become policy.

Mike: This should be a formal resolution and distributed to others.

Discussion: This came up at the BOG meeting. It was being tied to some scholarships when those scholarships do not have the requirement. General consensus: The BOG is listening.

Darrel: Can't dictate that it is part of a scholarship when it is not part of that scholarship.

Steve: State that while it may be appropriate to some, BSC has a unique culture. This is a commuter college. Eighty percent of our students work, have families.

Discussion: Forward suggestions for wording to Darrel and ask that it be placed on the College Council agenda.

D. New program from Dr. Sudhakar Jamkhandi (Jammy)

The Office of International Initiatives (OII) is launching a non-credit program called English for International Students in Fall, 2015. EFIS will be offered as a pre-baccalaureate certificate program. The goal is to enroll 5-10 international students in each session.

According to Dr. Jamkhandi, the program will enhance the English proficiency of international students prior to enrolling in regular courses or degree programs at BSC. It will be revenue-generating and self-supporting.

Discussion: Copy of brochure disseminated to members of Faculty Senate. Not the position of Faculty Senate to vote on program or give approval.

E. Process to appropriately credential adjuncts.

Discussion: Concern that some adjuncts do not have appropriate degrees. Documentation of credentials needed including a formal employment application and official transcripts.

Darrel: Adjunct Faculty Handbook is available online, included in links for faculty and Human Resources. Told the head of HR (Jonette Aughenbaugh) about the online handbook, but she was unaware of it. Was told by HR that they do not keep those records, Main concern is about the IT and Computer Science staff. Have asked for the information, but it is disturbing that it hasn't been done. May have an effect on accreditation.

Jan: Kim Daniels forwarded electronic copies of credentials including resume and copy of transcripts for all Humanities Department adjuncts when asked.

Darrel: Issue with several Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests filed. Administration in violation since material was not provided by the deadline. In part due to Ms. Aughenbaugh having been out sick. Was charged \$380 in copying costs, but told Ms. Aughenbaugh that he will file a civil suit if he is charged. The most recent FOIA deals with the helpdesk work tickets – we should know the technology issues. It took three months to get them when it should have been a quick copying job. Has filed 6 FOIA requests. For all, before filing, first contacted the appropriate department, then went to the supervisors. In all, either declined or ignored. Eventually, received information for all except for the Noel-Levitz survey detail. The FOIAs are for transparency.

F. Next meeting.

The next meeting of the full Faculty Senate will be the third Friday in February.

VI. Adjournment

At 12:00 p.m., Steve moved that the meeting be adjourned. Darrell Thompson seconded. Vote unanimous. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Czarnecki, Secretary