

Meeting Minutes – BSC Faculty Senate

Location: Google Meet

Date: January 29, 2021

Time: 11:15 am

Attendance:

James Pruet, Dr. Tamara Ferguson, Tina Nicholson, Mike Lilly, Michelle Taylor, Roy Pruet, Amanda Banks, Amanda Quesenberry, Debjani Chakrabarti, D. Arachchi, Vanessa Godfrey, Kelli Sarver, Bill Bennett, Rodney Montague, Karen Grogan, Amy Atwell, Dr. Ted Lewis, Darrel Malamisura; Faculty Senate Chair.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Darrel Malamisura, Faculty Senate Chair at 11:26am. Mike Lilly moved to accept the minutes, Vanessa Godfrey seconds the motion. The previous minutes were approved, with no corrections.

ACF Report:

The latest ACF meeting was held on January 22, 2021. One of the items on the legislative agenda dealt with Health Sciences a bill regarding more scholarship money for nursing programs. There is a major move to abolish state income tax and replace it with a value added tax which is increasing the sales tax to 10%. There are concerns with enrollment in the future. FAFSA applications in the state were down 1800, Promise Scholarships were down ½.

Old Business:

BRMC: At this time, there is no new information about the purchase/move to the hospital. The last information given was that the School of Nursing and Allied Health will be moved by the fall of 2021. Dr. Lewis confirmed that we were on schedule for the move in the fall of 2021.

BStateNow: At this time, there is not any new information on the program. Karen Grogan stated that she had also not been told of the status of BStateNow.

Sarita Rhonemus: Darrel asked if anyone had heard if Sarita had been added to the cabinet. Michelle Taylor stated that she had been spending a lot of time at the Beckley office due to one of the employees off on medical leave. Additional help had been hired and she plans to start spending more time on the Bluefield campus.

HLC: Vanessa Godfrey stated that Criterion III has met. Darrel stated that they are finding that we do not have a lot of data to use for the HLC accreditation and some of the items that are requested the college has not collected that data. Amanda Banks stated that she is a member of the 2B committee that Mike Smith chairs and that he is doing quite well collecting data. She also stated that Darrel Thompson chairs the 4B and that both groups would be meeting next week. Vanessa stated Amanda Matoushek was the chair of Criterion III and she had collected data from 2016. Mike Lilly stated he will be loading 6 years of Curriculum Committee minutes onto a thumb drive for the report. These minutes included any new curriculum changes over the years.

Committee Reports:

1. **Curriculum:** At the time there are no new curriculum proposals.
2. **Assessment:** Plan to meet on 2/4
3. **Planning and Budget:** Has not met
4. **Professional Development:** Has not met
5. **Promotion and Tenure:** Will be meeting next week to discuss the new guidelines for P & T. Deadline will be earlier this year due to semester ending sooner.
6. **Right and Responsibilities:** has not met
7. **Academic Appeals:** Met recently due to academic appeal in the School of Business and has been resolved.
8. **Enrollment Management Council:** has not met
9. **BOG:** Next meeting $\frac{3}{4}$
10. **College Council:** Has not met. President must call meeting.
11. **Student Disciplinary Appeals:** Has not met
12. **Faculty Rights and Responsibilities:** Has not met

New Business:

Darrel stated that we need to develop a committee to go through the complete process of a student during the years they are at the college. Starting with day one as a freshman, take a look at exactly what the student encounters with registering, financial aid, etc. Also, the faculty should have access to the resources on the portal that would explain all the processes for a student. All forms should be uploaded to the website that a student would need during his college tenure. If a student needs to complete a transient form, they could find this form on the website. Tamara Ferguson stated that one of the biggest problems facing the college during accreditation is that our Policies and Procedures are in misalignment and with this committee we could evaluate the policies for improvement. Darrel asked for anyone who wants to volunteer for this committee to let him know.

Vanessa Godfrey asked Darrel what was the status of the letter that was to be sent to the BOG about the process of the recent policy. He said that he had written the letter and given to Mike Lilly to proofread. He hopes to send the letter to the president the following Monday. Vanessa asked that the letter be sent to the faculty senate as well.

Dr. Lewis stated that he is creating a committee to develop the new general education course from the new policy requirements.

Dr. Lewis stated that the dormitory opening is set for fall 2021

Dr. Lewis stated that the state will be ending their vaccine distribution within the next two weeks and if you have not already had your first-round dose, you need to contact the Health Center and schedule an appointment. At the current time, the faculty, health care students and student workers are the people allowed to get the vaccine.

Rodney Montague asked what the process was for new students entering during the fall for immunizations, especially now that the dorms are to be finished by the fall. Dr. Lewis stated that all new students must present proof of MMR before they can begin at the college.

Adjournment:

With no other issues to discuss, Roy Pruett made a motion to adjourn, James Pruett seconded the motion.

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