

Meeting Minutes – BSC Faculty Senate

Location: Google Meet

Date: February 12, 2021

Time: 12:15 pm

Attendance:

Dr. Tamara Ferguson, Mike Lilly, Michelle Taylor, Amanda Matoushek, Amanda Banks, Amanda Quesenberry, Debjani Chakrabarti, Geoff Hunter, D. Arachchi, Vanessa Godfrey, Kelli Sarver, Bill Bennett, Rodney Montague, 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 12:18 pm. Tammy Ferguson moved to accept the minutes, Mike Lilly seconds the motion. The previous minutes were approved, with no corrections.

Old Business:

Dr. Lewis stated that President Capehart and himself met with the city representatives in Wheeling about acquiring a piece of the Ohio Valley Medical Center. They are looking to deliver some engineering programs to the area. This will help meet the needs of employers in the area. They are working toward offering certificate and associate programs.

Dr. Lewis states that BRMC is progressing nicely. He plans to meet with the architects very soon. He says that he will begin working more closely with the faculty and staff of the School of Nursing and Allied Health to receive input on the areas to create offices and classrooms. Vanessa Godfrey asked if the plan to move in the early fall was still on track. He states that as of this time, that is the plan. He hopes that moving will begin in the summer. The dorm rooms will be easy to convert from patient rooms.

Dr. Lewis states that all employees should be on an HLC committee. He states that most all committees have begun gathering information for the HLC.

Rodney Montague asks how we were progressing with the dorms? He says the next item on the agenda after BRMC is working on the honors cottages. Heritage Village states they plan to start working fall 2021 with that. He states they are also have plans to take over Tiffany Manor apartments. We currently have 27-28 athletes living at the facility. He says he can ask Jim Shaffer, who is overseeing the project, join one of our upcoming meetings.

Debjani Chakrabarti stated to Dr. Lewis that the faculty had not received their fall 2020 faculty evaluations. She is preparing her portfolio for Promotion and Tenure and needs that information to make it complete. She says there is a problem due to the name changes with

the schools. This has made it difficult for Sarita Rhonemus to obtain access of the evaluations.

Dr. Lewis says this is the last call on the first round of the Covid-19 vaccinations. If you have already received your first vaccine, you are ok. They are beginning the second round now.

Darrel Malamisura asked Dr. Lewis to explain the random testing that will begin on students. Beginning 2/1, the governor mandated that college students be Covid tested on a random basis. 10% of the student population will be tested each week. This will be from both campuses-84 on the Bluefield campus and 24 on the Beckley campus. IT has a random generator and will choose the students. Once they have been chosen, they will not have to be tested again for the remainder of the semester. An email is sent out by Dr. Lewis a week before the test stating the dates that you must report to be tested. Students can test at the Health Center anytime that it is open during that week. Results must be to the Health Center by Monday of the following week or they are taken out of the data base and can't enter the buildings. Shelia Gates will be on the Beckley campus on Thursdays. Student that are completely virtual are exempt from being tested. Geoff Hunter asked what is the percentage of faculty and staff that has received the Covid-19 vaccine. As of today, 194 people have been vaccinated at the Health Center.

Darrel Malamisura asked Dr. Lewis to talk about the article that was in the Charleston Gazette. Shortly after President Capehart arrived at BSC in February 2019, requested a financial audit of the college. The state auditors performed an audit and just recently responded with their findings. It was not a flattering audit and is public record. The Cumulative Financial Index (CFI) which is your financial wellness report. In 2019, the college was the lowest in the state and in the most recent CFI, we were one of the highest. The college had showed great improvement. The report did not show of anything illegal before 2/19, just very bad financial reporting.

Committee Reports:

1. **Curriculum:** At the time there are no new curriculum proposals.
2. **Assessment:** Have met, worked on general education rubrics, Michelle Taylor asked for questions that she could present to the BOG to help with HLC, Sarita Rhonemus stated that everything was moving forward with HLC accreditation. Tammy Ferguson asked that Sarita place the curriculum map online.
3. **Planning and Budget:** Has not met
4. **Professional Development:** Has not met
5. **Promotion and Tenure:** Was supposed to have met this morning, but was cancelled due to the weather. They hope reschedule their meeting soon. As of today, there have not been any guidelines sent out to the faculty. The applicant submissions will be due by April 1.
6. **Right and Responsibilities:** has not met
7. **Academic Appeals:** Has not met
8. **Enrollment Management Council:** has not met
9. **BOG:** Next meeting 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

ACF Report:

There is still talks about abolishing the state income tax and replace it with a value added tax which is increasing the sales tax to 10%. There has not been anything from the Education Committee.

New Business:

Darrel stated that he is not sure why we are still having such an issue with student evaluations of the faculty. Cody Chambers can set it up through Moodle that when a student logs onto their Moodle course, it will take them directly to the evaluations before it will let them into their course. Debjani Chakrabarti asked why is there not a way to develop a software that would automatically send the evaluations to the faculty and bypass having to wait for them to be sent from one source.

The letter that the faculty senate asked Darrel to write has been finished and sent to the president. He has had it for a week and there has been no response. He stated that if we do not get a response within a week, he may take a different avenue.

Darrel stated that there is still concern from the faculty about the new general education policy that will go into effect in 2022. He said we must all work together on this, but let the BOG/president know that it will be difficult to accomplish, especially with programs that have accrediting bodies that require certain classes. He hopes to have a meeting with the BOG and ask what their rationale with adding the general education classes.

Adjournment:

With no other issues to discuss, Vanessa Godfrey made a motion to adjourn, D. Arachchi seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 1:34 pm.

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