

Meeting Minutes – BSC Faculty Senate

Location: Google Meet

Date: April 9, 2021

Time: 3:00 pm

Attendance:

Amanda Matoushek, Amanda Banks, Amanda Quesenberry, Debjani Chakrabarti, D. Arachchi, Vanessa Godfrey, Kelli Sarver, Roy Pruett, James Pruett, Tina Nicholson, Geoff Hunter, Karen Grogan, Bill Bennett, Dr Tamara Ferguson, 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 3:03pm. Bill Bennett moved to accept the minutes, Vanessa Godfrey seconds the motion. The previous minutes were approved, with no corrections.

Dr. Ted Lewis: The general education committee that he has put together for the fall of 2022 had their first meeting last week. He states that there will not be anymore meetings until September, so do not expect anything to change as of yet.

The bills that pertained to guns on campus are dead during this legislative session. He states that it will definitely be brought up again in the future.

The vaccines for all students will become available on 4/16. There will be a vaccine clinic at the college.

New faculty academy will be kicking off the week of 4/12. He intends for it to begin for the Fall of 2021 and be a year long process. This will introduce all new faculty to the college. It will let them know who we are, what we are, our mission, vision and values.

BState Back meets every Wednesday morning to discuss the safety measures during Covid 19. All policies and procedures will remain in place for the foreseeable future.

Darrel asked Dr. Lewis about the correct pay for chairs and directors. Some are saying they are not receiving the pay for holding these positions. Dr. Lewis stated that they should see the pay on the paycheck today.

Darrel also asked about the status on the dorms at the BRMC building. Dr. Lewis says Delano Sweeney has completed the application process and it will be up and running after Brent Benjamin gives the final approval. These applications will be for those wanting to live in the dorm rooms, those wanting to be RA's and those wanting to be RD's. The Code of Conduct policy will also be uploaded for those wanting to live in the dorms.

Darrel said he spoke with Sarita Rhonemus about setting up procedures for retaining data that we need for future accreditation visits. The Promotion and Tenure procedure also needs to be modernized to make the process easier for those applying and the committee evaluating the portfolios.

Geoff Hunter asked about summer school pay. He was curious what the cutoff number for students was for the summer. Dr. Lewis says that if you have at least 8 students registered for your class, you will receive the full pay. He says that this is also true for the fall and spring and there is a form for calculating the pay.

Rodney Montague asked how the search for Library Director and Dean of Students was progressing. Dr. Lewis made an offer to one of the Dean of Students candidates. He says they have until Monday, April 12th to respond. He is scheduled to interview one of the candidates for Library Director on April 20th. Rodney stated that this position will be very important due to the increasing number of students expected on campus in the fall.

Debjani Chakrabarti stated that several faculty members were unable to get their professional pictures made while the photographer was on campus. She asked if it would be fine for her to schedule her own professional photos with a photographer. Dr. Lewis stated that there was no problem in doing that.

ACF Report: Mike Lilly was not present to give the ACF report.

Committee Reports:

1. **Curriculum:** Nothing to report
2. **Assessment:** The next meeting will be 4/19.
3. **Planning and Budget:** Has not met
4. **Professional Development:** Has not met
5. **Promotion and Tenure:** Nothing to report
6. **Faculty Right and Responsibilities:** has not met
7. **Academic Appeals:** Has not met
8. **Enrollment Management Council:** has not met
9. **BOG:** Next meeting is 4/29. Committees will meet on 4/15 and 4/22.
10. **College Council:** Has not met. President must call meeting.
11. **Student Disciplinary Appeals:** Has not met

Vanessa Godfrey made the comment that the curriculum committee needed to send out the nursing proposals for voting. The program can not move forward until these proposals are approved. Tina Nicholson stated that this also has an impact on the summer. There is nothing currently on the dynamic schedule and these proposals need approved to make the huge changes to the program.

New Business:

Darrel attached the Statement of Censorship to this meeting. He asks that we look it over and make any necessary comments. If this is approved by faculty senate, then it must go before the college council and then before the BOG. It is a requirement of the HLC. He will send out a form to vote yes or no on the statement.

Faculty of the Year nominations will be extended for a few days longer. Darrel will send out an email for voting and send the winner's name to Ted Lewis. Vanessa Godfrey stated that the faculty senate may want to take a look at changing the criteria for faculty of the year. With all the requirements, we are left with only a very few faculty members that are eligible. Darrel stated that we will discuss this at a later date.

Closed Session:

At this time, Roy Pruett made a motion to go into closed session, Debjani Chakrabarti seconds the motion. All were in favor, no one opposed.

Open Session:

After discussion, the faculty senate requested to come out of closed session. Debjani Chakrabarti made a motion to go out of closed session, Roy Pruett seconds the motion. All were in favor, no one opposed. Tina Nicholson made a motion to create two letters and an email. The first letter will be to the BOG that includes all the bullet points on why the new general education policy will not work. The second letter will also go to the BOG requesting a meeting only with the faculty senate, that the meeting on April 23rd will not suffice. The last item will be the email to Rev. Moore and President Capehart requesting a personal meeting with Darrel Malamisura, Rodney Montague, Mike Lilly and Sandy Wynn. Amanda Quesenberry seconds the motion. All were in favor, no one was opposed.

Adjournment:

At this time with no other issues, the meeting was adjourned at 4:24pm.

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