

Meeting Minutes – BSC Faculty Senate

Location: Google Meet

Date: 9/25/2020

Time: 11:00 am

Attendance: Geoff Hunter, Michelle Taylor, Tamara Ferguson, James Pruet, Rodney Montague, Vanessa Godfrey, Kelli Sarver, Amy Atwell, Melissa Haye (Amanda Quesenberry), Bill Bennett, Mike Lilly, James Pruet, Amanda Banks, Tina Nicholson, Karen Grogan, D. Arachi, A. Berkoh, Debjani Chakrabarti, Roy Pruet, John Snead; BOG Rep., Scott Rasnick, Sean Connolly, Ted Lewis; Provost, Darrel Malamisura; Faculty Senate Chair.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Darrel Malamisura, Faculty Senate Chair at 11:03 am.

Approval of Minutes:

Darrel called for approval of the previous meeting minutes. Roy Pruet moved to accept the August minutes, Mike Lilly seconded the motion, all were in favor. The previous minutes were approved, with no corrections.

Dr. Lewis was asked to speak about the questions he had received concerning the purchase of BRMC. He spoke with the college attorney and found out that the MOU had not yet been completed, only negotiations had begun. The plan is for BSC to lease BRMC from Princeton Community Hospital for the purpose of academics and housing. The first two floors will be used for academics and the third and fourth floor would be for housing. This would allow for 140-150 beds. All the SNAH programs will be moving to that facility in the fall of 2021. There is the potential of growing at least 14 new programs at the facility that local hospitals had shown a need for. Substantial renovations must be made to accommodate academic facility space and this will be left up to the dean and directors to remodel the site. Vanessa asked how we will keep students from entering the working modalities currently at BRMC. Dr. Lewis stated that there would have to be departments under lock that the students should not enter. He stated that the RADT X-ray equipment would be moved to the new facility and that BRMC would be selling off their equipment if we would like to make purchases.

Next, Dr. Lewis was asked about block scheduling from Rodney Montague. Rodney stated that 11:00 time slot that had been left open for meetings, etc., was now taken away. He stated that this made it very difficult for those teaching in education, humanities and social sciences due to a diverse schedule. He also said that now the classes on M/W were 1 hour and 15 minutes and this posed a problem with classes overlapping. Dr. Lewis said that changing these class times was for the needs of the students and that meetings could be changed until 1 or 1:30. Currently, the college is running a pilot schedule with students only coming 4 days a week, instead of 5 which is the need for the extended class times. Mike Lilly stated that there is third model of classes being scheduled for spring. The M/W class is in class and the Friday class is scheduled online to allow the instructor to only be on campus two days a week. Dr. Lewis stated the block schedule is now finalized for spring.

Finally, Dr. Lewis was asked to answer questions on BStateNow. He states that it is going in a very different direction than when it began. It will now be a large part of BSC. Karen Grogan will take over as director and housed in the School of Business under Phillip Imel. It will be a 100% online deliverable

program and students can take the classes any time and anywhere. The certificate programs will be housed through BStateNow and will not take the place of any existing programs that BSC currently offers. Faculty can develop and be compensated for the class, but most likely will not be facilitating the class. There will not be a lot of student/facilitator interaction due to classes being in a modular format on Moodle. This is set to begin in spring 2021. Mike Lilly asked if these new courses need to come through the curriculum committee. Dr. Lewis stated that any course that is already existing will not need to come through curriculum.

Committee Reports:

1. **Academic Appeals:** No meeting
2. **Assessment Committee:** Meeting scheduled for 10/1. Michelle Taylor stated that committees would begin to be formed to take on the process of gathering all information needed for the HLC report that is due 4/2022.
3. **Budget Committee:** No meeting
4. **Curriculum Committee:** Meeting on 9/24, but no quorum
5. **P & T:** No meeting
6. **Faculty Rights and Responsibilities:** No Meeting
7. **College Council:** No Meeting
8. **Student Disciplinary Appeals:** No Meeting
9. **Student Academic Appeals:** No Meeting
10. **ACF:** Had a virtual meeting on 9/18. What legislature decides for the state will be based on the results of the November election. The HEPC has had several workshops on OER or online learning and we may receive more information on this issue in the near future. WV State has selected a new president of the college. Mountwest CTC is still in a presidential search, West Liberty had a failed presidential search and Eastern WV CTC also had a failed presidential search. He stated that in WV there is an extreme shortage of substitute teachers. The Department of Education has suggested that the state uses those that are enrolled in Teacher Education as their short-term subs. There is a discussion on what the requirements for a High School teacher to teach a dual credit class which would give the student a college credit. The debate was whether the teacher must possess a Master's Degree plus 18 hours like higher education instructors. There has not been any changes in the guidelines at the moment. The governor has suggested that colleges follow the same schedule as fall and have a shortened semester. The semester will start on 1/11 with no spring break, allowing the semester to end one week earlier.
11. **BOG:** John Snead, BOG Rep stated that the BSC website is not up to date with the minutes from previous meetings. He suggested that faculty senate make a request that the website be updated. Darrel stated that the school financial statements are also not up to date and this is public record. John stated that he has no new information on the latest hires at the college. Jesse Calloway has recently resigned from the BOG. He has not attended the last two meetings and there is not any mention of who might replace him. In the 6/25 meeting, The BS of Leadership Development program was approved. Reverend Gary Moore was elected chair of the BOG. The BOG met again on 9/3 and President Capehart indicated his desire to develop action plans. There will be 6-7 different committees that will be created to follow through with these action plans. 1. Academic Affairs Committee 2. Policy and Planning Committee 3. Community Engagement Committee 4. Campus Development Committee 5. Athletics Committee 6. Student Life Committee. Once these action plans are developed, they will be approved by the executive committee. Also, the enrollment decline was a topic discussed at the BOG meeting.

Darrel asked Karen Grogan to clarify a few questions that he still had on BStateNow.

1. Why are we developing a course and then a third party will be facilitating the class? Why can't the faculty facilitate the class? She could not answer that question.
2. Was there a question of changing the delivery format to something other than Moodle? She stated that there was talks of a different format, but the college decided on Moodle
3. Does the faculty who develops the class get a one-time payment or paid every time the class is offered? She stated that the course developer would receive a one-time stipend for the class and would not receive anymore money.
4. Will there be copyright issues when the class is used more than once? She could not answer that question.

Karen stated that she had taken notes on our concerns and would relay these issues at the next meeting.

Darrel states that he is not against what is being proposed, but needs more information on how this program will be delivered and why they are bringing in a third party to facilitate.

New Business:

Proposed Amendment: The current new constitution on the Curriculum Committee says is to be comprised of 4 non-faculty senate members. There is a problem with this because anyone that is part of that committee from the School of Business is in some way a part of the faculty senate. Mike wants to propose that he be allowed to submit an amendment to the new constitution to change that wording to four faculty members that may or may not be on the faculty senate. Darrel stated that we would vote on this during our next meeting.

At this time, Darrel asked to go into closed session. Michelle Taylor made a motion to go into closed session, Roy Pruett seconded the motion. All were in favor.

During closed session, topics that were discussed: moral of the college and how we can make improvements, lack of communication between administration and faculty, transparency of administration, teaching an abundance of overload hours, personnel development requirements of faculty, funding for new athletic teams and the lease of BRMC.

Adjournment:

With no other business, Darrel adjourned at 1:08pm.

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