

Meeting Minutes – BSC Faculty Senate

Location: Google Meet

Date: November 19, 2021

Time: 11:00 am

Attendance:

Vanessa Godfrey, Kelli Sarver, Roy Pruett, Bill Bennett, Amanda Matoushek, Rodney Montague, Amy Atwell, Amanda Quesenberry, Sarah Beth Miles, Vincent Mateescu, Deb Chakrabarti, Tina Nicholson, James Quesenberry, Adrian Ayersman, Young Kim, Diane Belcher, Tammy Martin, Ted Lewis, Sean Connolly, John Snead, Darrel Malamisura; Faculty Senate Chair.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Darrel Malamisura, Faculty Senate Chair at 11:03 am. Roy Pruett moved to accept the minutes, Diane Belcher seconds the motion. The previous minutes were approved, with no corrections.

Committee Reports:

1. **Curriculum:** Will not meet again until Spring semester
2. **Assessment:**
3. **Planning and Budget:** Has not met
4. **Professional Development:** Has not met.
5. **Promotion and Tenure:** During the recent meeting they discussed about adding new policies to the faculty handbook.
6. **Faculty Right and Responsibilities:** Has not met
7. **Student Academic Appeals:** Has not met
8. **Enrollment Management Council:** Has not met
9. **BOG:** Met November 4th. The meeting focused on the proposed funding formula that the HEPC is working on. It's only for 30% of the total higher education budget. He states that in the upcoming year, the legislation is proposing to abolish HEPC and the community college system.
10. **College Council:** Has met.
11. **Student Disciplinary Appeals:** Has not met

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ACF:

Mike Lilly stated that the senate needs to vote on the ACF proposals that were recently sent out. He suggested that they be voted on electronically by email.

New Business:

Dr. Ted Lewis: Enrollment-final numbers for fall 2021 is 1358, which is a 9.25% increase from 2020. The earliest projected numbers for spring 2022 are up from spring 2021. As of 11/18/21 our enrollment was 861 for spring 2022, this includes both campuses and online. That is up from 834 in the spring of 2021 which is a 3.24% increase.

Dr. Lewis asked the senate what their thoughts were on retention for the fall semester. He feels that it is not as good as it should be. Darrel stated that statistics have shown that when a college starts new sports clubs, the first few years seem to have a large number of students lost. Dr. Lewis says he has spoken with some of the student athletes that do not plan to return in the spring who state they are homesick. Darrel asked if the college could do a data analysis with and without the student athletes to see if they are making the most impact on the retention numbers falling. Dr. Lewis stated that at the moment, the college is contacting the students who are not currently registered to see if they plan to return in the spring.

Dr. Lewis stated that the Winter Intersession will begin the week after Thanksgiving on November 29th. This mini semester will run 5 weeks. Amanda Matoushek stated that several of the students liked the new fall schedule that ends the week of Thanksgiving. Darrel asked about the confusion with the final exam schedule. At first the exams were all scheduled the week of Thanksgiving, then at the last minute, the schedule was changed to begin the Thursday before Thanksgiving. Dr. Lewis apologized for any confusion and stated they would be more careful of the correct final exam dates.

Sean Connolly commented about a conflict that he has with a student athlete whose class begins at 4pm. He states that the coach has told the student not to walk home after class. Dr. Lewis stated that Brent Benjamin and Jim Shaffer are working on a transportation solution. He stated that there will be a van that will transport students back and forth from the dorms.

Dr. Lewis stated that College Institute will be two days in the spring. The first day will be general information and the second day will be training in the areas of Moodle, advising, Starfish, etc. He said that faculty felt there was too much information piled into a single day.

Dr. Lewis was to thank everyone that participated at the Mercer County Technical Center day. He felt that it was very productive and will definitely recruit students to our college.

Dr. Lewis said the Covid testing to return to campus will still be in effect for the spring semester. The first testing day will be December 28th. Be looking for his reminder email. All check-in stations in each building will remain open. Masks will still be available at all check-in desks. Rodney Montague asked Dr. Lewis to please make sure that all check-in desks have mask available. He was told at a check-in desk that they didn't need to keep masks since there was not a mask mandate. Rodney also asked that if the Covid numbers continue to rise would they put the mask mandate back in place. Dr. Lewis stated that BState Back meets every Wednesday and at this time, there is not a need for the mandate. He said that once we hit 1.5% positive on campus cases, the mask mandate will be put in place. If we hit 3% on campus positive cases, we will go remote. Vincent Mateescu asked if face shields could be provided to the students who have difficulty

Darrel stated that he had a student state to him that they have an athletic meeting that they must attend or they would have to run at practice. The athletic meetings were scheduled during his class time and the student would have to miss class. Dr. Lewis stated this is the first he is hearing of this and that he would discuss this with the Athletic Director. The student should never be taken out of a class for other than a scheduled meet.

Darrel stated that students are complaining about having to pay a fee to stay in the dorms over the holiday break, even though they must stay to play their sporting events. Dr. Lewis stated that the students are paying to stay in the dorms in the fall and spring. This is a courtesy to the student to allow them to stay in the dorms during the break. The students are charged \$50 a night. Dr. Lewis stated that their scholarships should pay for these charges.

Sean Connolly asked that the "Last Dollar Scholarships" should be explained more in depth to the students. To let them know exactly what it does and does not pay. Dr. Lewis stated that information was not given properly and that everything should be explained in its entirety on the website.

Darrel asked about students who have failed or either withdrew from the first section of a class, but allowed to take the second section. The system did not catch this after the semester was over and could be an issue for students not prepared for the next class.

Dr. Lewis asked if the faculty would be willing to have an athletic summit in the spring. The faculty and coaches would get together and talk about what is expected from the other.

Vincent asked about the classes during the winter intersession not counting toward spring hours. Tammy said that was true, the classes are not counted as spring hours. The winter intersession is the same as a summer session.

Darrel said there was a question of cheating during online exams and the need for live proctoring. He says that he uses a different type of online proctoring and is an additional fee to the student.

Old Business:

Darrel stated that if anyone has any new proposals for enrollment increases, cohorts, etc., please get that to him soon. He will send it to the college planning committee to see if it will be worthwhile.

Adjournment:

At this time with no other issues, Darrel asked for a motion to adjourn. Mike Lilly made a motion to adjourn, Roy Pruett seconds the motion, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm.

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