

# Meeting Minutes – BSC Faculty Senate

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**Location:** Google Meet

**Date:** September 3, 2021

**Time:** 11:00 am

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## Attendance:

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

## Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Darrel Malamisura, Faculty Senate Chair at 11:02 am. Bill Bennett moved to accept the minutes, Amanda Quesenberry seconds the motion. The previous minutes were approved, with no corrections.

## Committee Reports:

1. **Curriculum:** Has not met.
2. **Assessment:** Will meet September 7<sup>th</sup>.
3. **Planning and Budget:** Has not met
4. **Professional Development:** Has not met
5. **Promotion and Tenure:** Has not met.
6. **Faculty Right and Responsibilities:** Has not met
7. **Student Academic Appeals:** Has not met
8. **Enrollment Management Council:** Has not met
9. **BOG:** Has not met
10. **College Council:** Has not met.
11. **Student Disciplinary Appeals:** Has not met

## New Business:

**Dr. Ted Lewis:** Enrollment has a total of 1333 students, which is up 149 students from last year. That is a 12.5% increase. We currently have 91 dual credit students.

As of 8/26/21, the BState Back committee decided to return to everyone must wear a mask that is on campus. After the population goes above 1.5% of positive cases, they committee requires a mask mandate. Roger Topping, Mercer County Health Dept. director, also recommended the mask mandate.

On 8/27/21, the college held a vaccination clinic at the MEC and 115 people attended to get their injection. The second vaccination clinic was held on 9/2/21, and 160 people attended. 9/22 and 10/1 are two additional dates for vaccine clinics.

Rodney asked Dr. Lewis if the college was going to abide by the 3% positive rate to go remote. He stated that that was true. Currently, we are not at 3%. He asks that all faculty be prepared for just that case. NCAA requires that athletes be tested 3 times a week and the football players will be tested before they can take the field on 9/4.

Michelle Taylor asked Dr. Lewis if he could tell the senate what the positivity rate for the college is to date. He said that as of Tuesday, 8/31, the rate was 16. This includes both campuses. Right now, we are at 1.5%. Dr. Lewis discussed the different types of contacts. Primary contact is when a student is in class with another student that tests positive. The primary contact will need to be quarantined. Secondary contact, is like a roommate of the primary contact, they will not have to be quarantined until the primary becomes symptomatic. If a student staying in the dorms becomes positive, they are sent to a house the college has off campus.

Kelli Sarver asked if the % falls back down can we go back to not wearing masks. Dr. Lewis stated that the only way we would go back to not wearing masks is if the numbers fell and stayed down for a long period of time. She also asked if we could use plexiglass partitions in lieu of wearing masks or face shields. Dr. Lewis stated there must be some kind of face covering in the classroom.

Dr. Lewis stated that anyone who has 5 ½ months or more from their second vaccination, can get the booster on 9/27 at the MEC. He will be sending an email out within the next two weeks.

Dr. Lewis says that next week he will begin the Faculty Handbook Revision committee. It is very outdated. Amanda Matoushek and Angela Lambert will be co-chairing the committee. He says that after the handbook is completed, an Adjunct Faculty Handbook will be created. Also, he will be heading the Faculty Advising committee. This will assist the new faculty in advising students.

Sean Connolly asked if there was a budget for the Honors College and if so, could he see it. He says he will sit down with each of the directors and talk out what are the most important items that need to be added to the budget. Ronnie Hypes will be the person who will make the budgets viewable to others.

Darrel asked if a student has any type of financial aid can they receive book vouchers. Dr. Lewis stated that students have to apply for the book vouchers, but yes, they do get them no matter what kind of aid they are getting. Students that are receiving financial aid and Cares Act money will be receiving it on September 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **Old Business:**

Darrel stated that if you have any ideas for cohorts, please email those to him as soon as possible. Cohorts will be extracurricular classes/conferences that will be in addition to the 120 hours required for a Bachelor's degree. This would be similar to what Concord requires of their students. They could be specific to program or just general activities. Dr. Lewis plans on hiring someone part-time to assist in this. Darrel suggested having a dinner for students where they can have mock interviews to prepare for actual job interviews. He would like the senate to send any suggestions for extracurricular items within the next two weeks.

Darrel stated that he believes that starting in the spring, the faculty will be required to start recruiting from community colleges. The college will begin developing articulation agreements with these colleges, also.

Darrel wants specific instances where students have had difficulty with paying tuition for any hours over 15. In WV, if any student takes more than 15 hours, those additional hours are free. The BOG has approved a policy that anything over 15 hours, the student will pay a fee. This helps in paying the faculty for teaching these students. Darrel stated that he believes that

due to this new policy, students may decide to take only 12/13 hours to keep from having to pay the additional fee.

Michelle Taylor said that students are slipping into the Business building without checking in. The dean and secretary are having to find these students and make them check in. There needs to be more security throughout the college. She stated that there is also a major problem with parking. There are students parking illegally, blocking handicapped spaces and fire hydrants.

Darrel reminded all senators of the gathering being held at the President's house that evening. He asked that if you are available, please try to attend.

**Adjournment:**

At this time with no other issues, Darrel asked for a motion to adjourn. Michelle Taylor made a motion to adjourn, Roy Pruett seconds the motion, the meeting was adjourned at 1:15 pm.

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