

Meeting Minutes – BSC Faculty Senate

Location: Google Meet
Date: January 21, 2022
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, Michelle Taylor, James Quesenberry, Sean Connolly, Adrian Ayersman, Diane Belcher, Ted Lewis, Darrel Malamisura; Faculty Senate Chair.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Darrel Malamisura, Faculty Senate Chair at 11:04 am. Roy Pruett moved to accept the minutes, Bill Bennett seconds the motion. The previous minutes were approved, with no corrections.

Committee Reports:

1. **Curriculum:** Will not meet again until Spring semester
2. **Assessment:** Has not met since last meeting
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:** Does not meet until December
10. **College Council:** Will meet the week of 1/24/22
11. **Student Disciplinary Appeals:** Has not met

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Mike Lilly was absent from the meeting, no report.

New Business:

Dr. Ted Lewis: Enrollment numbers of all colleges in the state have been dispersed by the HEPC. BSC grew by 9.3% in the fall. The only college in the state that grew was WVSOM, which grew by 9%. If we take the last two years, we have grown by 9.4%. The only other college that grew within the last two years was again WVSOM, which grew by .1%. Overall the state has declined by 8.3%.

Dr. Lewis stated that we have dropped in student enrollment on the Beckley campus. He feels we do not offer the courses on that campus that are needed. He says there are two positions that have been created for the Beckley campus: Math and English. Concord is now offering night courses this spring on the Beckley campus. It is successful, we may begin offering night classes in the fall.

Rodney asked when would we have the FTE numbers. Dr. Lewis says that he is not sure when he will have those. He stated that we are up in our dual credit courses, but they do not count in our FTE's. We are up 4.73% from spring 2021 to spring 2022. Our continuing students have only increased by 44. We did not keep some of our students from fall 2021. We are down on new students and new transfer students from last spring. The college will post a position for a new admissions director. He stated that James Quesenberry and the Criminal Justice department have been working very hard to recruit new students. James commented that he was currently working on an articulation with the vocational school in Raleigh County.

Rodney asked about the new nursing program that will be starting at Concord University. Dr. Lewis stated that the governor announced that the state will be receiving \$48 million to nursing and nursing programs. \$16 million will go toward higher education nursing programs and \$32 million will go to hospitals. This money that is received by BSC must be spent by September 30, 2022.

Dr. Lewis stated that Brent Benjamin has looked at the law and faculty can no longer drop a student for non-attendance. They pay their tuition, so they have bought their seat in the class. If they do not attend or complete the work, you are to give them the grade that goes with that work/attendance.

There has been a change in the snow delay system for the college. The college will begin in real time. If the college opens at 9am, then the first class will begin at 9am. If your class begins before the opening time, it is at your discretion as what to do with your missed class.

Dr. Lewis has created a new faculty academy. This will help the new faculty get accustomed to the policies, actions, ways of the college. He has designed training sessions for all faculty on classroom management. He hopes to have open conversations with all faculty.

In late February or early March there is going to be the first academic/athletic summit. 25% of the students on campus are athletes. He says that many of the athletes had a very hard first semester. How can we help these athletes integrate into the college atmosphere and be better students? This will be open to all faculty and coaches. Then in late March he wants different schools to each give a 30minute presentation on how they engage their students and make learning better in and out of classrooms.

Rodney asked about the mandatory classroom observations. Dr. Lewis stated that the members of the BOG want accountability for instructors. Tenured faculty will be observed every 2 years.

Darrel asked if we still wanted to continue with scheduling meetings with Brent Benjamin and Jim Shaffer. The faculty senate all agreed that we still needed to pursue meetings with these individuals. Both gentlemen did state that our normal meeting time would be very hard to accommodate. Darrel asked that each of us send an email stating alternate dates and time of when we can meet.

Darrel stated that he received some information on the campus carry law for colleges. Someone from WVU has reached out to a few of the faculty senate members to join them against carrying weapons on campus.

There has been discussion of peer only evaluations for faculty. This may cause a problem with not having at least one administrator involved in the evaluations. Vanessa stated that it would be a problem with the Rad Tech Program due to the fact that there are only 3 of us and

we are always teaching at the same times. Rodney stated that everyone must remember about each faculty members academic freedom. He does not want this to be a method to police the content that a faculty member is teaching.

Sean Connolly asked if there are students who are having trouble paying for their classes, is there any financial aid money still remaining? Darrel says he believes that there are, but he needs to contact the financial aid department to be certain.

Amanda Matoushek stated that there is no longer have an Office of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion. She feels that this is a big problem for the college. We also do not have any to take our sexual harassment or discrimination complaints to. This position formerly belonged to Guy Sims who was promoted to Dean of Students. After that, the position was never replaced. The duties were rolled into the obligations of Brent Benjamin.

Amanda M. made the comment that there is a problem with only one person working in the health center. She was required to test one morning before class, but had to cancel her morning classes due to the wait for getting tested. Darrel stated he would talk with Dr. Lewis on the problems with staffing at the health center.

Adjournment:

At this time with no other issues, Darrel asked for a motion to adjourn. Kelli Sarver made a motion to adjourn, Bill Bennett seconds the motion, the meeting was adjourned at 12:31 pm.

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