

Meeting Minutes – BSC Faculty Senate

Location: Google Meet
Date: February 21, 2022
Time: 3:15pm

Attendance:

Vanessa Godfrey, Kelli Sarver, Bill Bennett, Amanda Matoushek, Rodney Montague, Amy Atwell, Amanda Quesenberry, Sarah Beth Miles, Vincent Mateescu, Deb Chakrabarti, James Quesenberry, Adrian Ayersman, Scott Rasnick, Mike Lilly, Diane Belcher, Michelle Taylor, Sean Connolly, Young Kim, John Snead, Ted Lewis; Provost, Shane Reviello; SGA President, Darrel Malamisura; Faculty Senate Chair.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Darrel Malamisura, Faculty Senate Chair at 3:16 pm. Mike Lilly moved to accept the minutes, Amanda Quesenberry seconds the motion. The previous minutes were approved, with no corrections.

Committee Reports:

1. **Curriculum:** Will meet 3/3 for next session. He has curriculum changes submitted from the school of EHSS.
2. **Assessment:** Has not met
3. **Planning and Budget:** Has not met
4. **Professional Development:** Has not met.
5. **Promotion and Tenure:** Has met. Applications for Promotion and Tenure will be due by 4/1.
6. **Faculty Right and Responsibilities:** Has not met
7. **Student Academic Appeals:** Has not met
8. **Enrollment Management Council:** Has not met
9. **BOG:** Current rumors about major academic changes at the school.
10. **College Council:** No
11. **Student Disciplinary Appeals:** Has not met

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ACF: Mike Lilly stated there are a number of bills circulating at this time. One bill which is of great controversy is about teaching racism. The bill includes the ability of someone to call out and possibly sue a faculty member that is teaching information that goes against what is stated in the bill. The ACF is very much against this bill. The bill regarding college exemptions from HEPC control. Lilly believes it is on a fast track through the house. The Nursing Education Bill is currently in the House. The bill on liberalizing the Promise Scholarship that may pass. The Nursing Program Expansion bill is currently in finance.

New Business:

Dr. Ted Lewis: All departments have submitted their budgets to Dr. Lewis last week. He currently has 175 budgeted requests. On Monday, he will meet with the Provost Advisory Council to review all requests and prioritize them. The decision will then be made on what will be purchased first and so on. After the decisions leave the Provost office, they go to Cabinet and the presidents makes his budget suggestions.

Rodney Montague asked about the delays on the adjunct and overload contracts. He states that some of the adjuncts will not get paid until week #9. He feels there is no reason why faculty should be working that long without a contract. Dr. Lewis stated that he must send out the adjunct contracts before he can get out the overload contracts. He stated that they had not been sent out because faculty was not completing the attendance verification or completing the attendance tracking instead. He would also like to see a change in how the contracts are sent out, by electronic instead of mail.

Sean Connolly asked if the governor's pay to give pay raises to teachers and state employees applies to the faculty at the college. Dr. Lewis stated that it does not. The last pay raise that the faculty received that was given, was from funds allocated by the college.

Dr. Lewis stated that in the past two years, the college has increased most everyone's salary by \$3000. Some did not get a raise due to already having a high salary for their position and higher than their colleagues.

Sean Connolly asked if we were continuing to seek a Director of Admissions. Dr. Lewis stated that it is posted now. The committee has met, but have not looked at the applicants.

Mike Lilly stated that when he attended the BOG Student Life meeting that they have decided to make a residence requirement in the dorms for next fall. All freshmen must stay in the dorms. Dr. Lewis stated that there are exceptions. If you live in a certain radius, you will be exempt. Mike Lilly states that he thinks it is 60 miles and if the student is married or have children.

Old Business:

Shane Reviello, SGA president, asked to talk to the senate about academic support. He stated that he sent the senate 3 documents to review pertaining information about the fees for students going over the 15 hours. The first document included information about each degree that the college has and how many times a student would go over that 15 hours during the course of their college career. The second document was the exemption letter for students who are on track that the SGA would like to present to the BOG. The third document included information on the steps that need to be taken for the exemption. Rodney Montague asked how many students was he aware that had to withdraw from classes due to the fee. He stated that 6 had come to him personally, but faculty had commented about more. He would also like to develop a scholarship for those to pay the fee. Darrel told Shane to get the final draft completed on the waiver, have the SGA vote on it and then bring it to faculty senate.

Darrel stated that this was the last request for questions from the senate for Brent Benjamin and Jim Shaffer.

Darrel asked if we still wished to invite the AD and Felicia Oakes to one of our upcoming meetings. The faculty senate agreed that it would be a good idea. Mike Lilly made a motion to invite them to our next meeting. Young Kim seconds the motion. All were in favor, none were opposed.

Deb Chakrabarti asked about students recording meetings and classes. Darrel states that the instructor can conduct their class as they see fit. He stated that he has began making students leave their phones at the front of the classroom. Kelli Sarver stated that she would not take an adult's phone, but if they are disruptive, she will ask them to leave. Darrel said that they are asking to not make a student leave for disruption. He states that the best practice is to put it in your syllabus.

Amanda Matoushek stated that she emailed the senate her letter regarding Title 9. She had a few responses, but not many. Darrel asked for a motion to vote on the letter to be sent to administration. Deb Chakrabarti made a motion, Mike Lilly seconds the motion. All were in favor, none were opposed.

Mike Lilly stated that every semester there are at least 3 campus carry bills. One may pass this semester. One is called the "Campus Self-defense Act" which is House Bill 3022 and 2978. Asking if guns are allowed to be carried on college campuses specifically. All bills are allowing faculty, staff and students to carry.

Darrel stated that someone had commented about the buses from the MEC not being reliable. They are never on time and students are having to walk to get to campus. The city buses are supposed to be running every 15 minutes. Mike Lilly stated that 2 board meetings ago the college may buy buses to transport the students. Amanda Matoushek stated that a student who does not live in the dorms has stopped by the café at the MEC to socialize and study. Every time they have been there, they have been asked to leave. She wants to know why the student can't sit in the cafeteria. There is another problem with study space in the MEC. She says the students keep getting promised study space, but they are yet to get.

Sean Connolly stated he wanted to follow up on the policy he wrote about Academic Freedom and Freedom of Speech on Campus. Darrel states that he sent it to administration and does not know what has happened since then. Sean stated that this was required for their accreditation. Darrel states that he will follow up with Sarita Rhonemus about the policy which is needed for HLC.

Adjournment:

At this time with no other issues, Darrel asked for a motion to adjourn. John Snead made a motion to adjourn, Michelle Taylor seconds the motion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:47 pm.

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