

Meeting Minutes – BSC Faculty Senate

Location: Google Meet
Date: February 7, 2022
Time: 3:15pm

Attendance:

Vanessa Godfrey, Kelli Sarver, Roy Pruett, 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, 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. 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 meet 2/8 @ 2pm. Currently there are 12 proposals to be voted on.
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, will meet the week of 2/7.
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 in January. They looked at budget information and the CARES Act money situation. They will not meet again until March
10. **College Council:** No
11. **Student Disciplinary Appeals:** Has not met

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ACF: Mike Lilly stated they met on February 4th. There is a bill to set up a matrix for how a college can become exempt from HEPC. There is a bill to reallocate the soft drink which currently only funds WV medical schools. The nursing program expansion pilot program has not moved past introduction. There is a bill to set up a higher education funding formula. This bill has not made it past the education committee. The campus carry law has not moved and most likely get past the senate. He stated that the budget bill has not come out yet. The state has surplus money this year and higher education will not be receiving any budget cuts. The governor stated that all state employees will receive a 5% raise, and he does not know if that will affect higher education. There is a bill for Glenville State to be granted university status.

New Business:

Dr. Ted Lewis: The college Covid #'s are 25 or 26 positive and quarantined was over 100. We are currently a little over 2% for the college which includes students and staff. Sherri Williams has reported that the number are going down in the last 2 weeks.

Graduation time is projected at around 7pm on April 30. The college plans to have a fireworks display after the ceremony. He states the ceremony will take about an hour and a half.

The 2022-2023 College Calendar is set for a August 8th start date for students. The faculty/staff will return on August 3rd for a 2 day faculty institute. The fall semester will end by Thanksgiving. The summer sessions are already locked in for this year, but may change for next year.

The Upward Evaluations Committee is still working on the evaluations and Dr. Lewis is hopeful that they will be completed by this semester and ready for distribution.

There will be a classroom observation committee that will be creating questions that will be used when deans observe faculty starting in the fall of 2022. This observation instrument should be placed on the website and made clear to all faculty.

Threat Assessment Committee will be meeting soon and all policies will be pulled together and made aware to the faculty/staff. We will begin having fire drills this spring. There will be instruction on what to do during an active shooter incident and where to shelter in place most likely in the fall.

Amanda Matoushek asked about the delay on overload contract. Dr Lewis stated that they had not been sent out because faculty was not completing the attendance verification or completing the attendance tracking instead. He stated that he must send out the adjunct contracts before he can get out the overload contracts.

Shane Reviello, SGA president, asked to talk to the senate about academic support. He stated that students are very upset with the fee for classes above 15 hours. The fee is about ¾ of the price of a regular credit hour. He states that students, due to this extra fee, had to drop a class or take out an extra loan to pay for the fee. He said that for a normal Bachelors degree, a student will be tasked to pay that fee at least one time, some degrees up to 3 times. Mike Lilly stated that in previous BOG meetings, the fee issue had been brought up and the group said they would not back down with the fees. Shane said that there is a student who has drawn up a petition with 50 + signatures on it for the removal of the fee. He is asking that we back him in the request for students to receive a waiver to pay for the additional hours if the student is on track for their degree. He says that he will create the proposal and return to faculty senate for approval.

Darrel stated there were issues about athletic encroachment. He said that a lot of athletes feel that the athletics should come before academics.

Amanda Matoushek stated there is an issue with Title IX. In the past when Guy Sims was removed as Title IX coordinator, the position was replaced by Jane Charnock who is deputy general counsel. This is an issue because it is her job to protect the college. This would be a conflict of interest to represent a faculty/staff member. Amanda began to research sister colleges of their procedures and was able to receive information from 84 HBCUs. Only 2 of those colleges use their legal counsel as their Title IX coordinator. Amanda found a statement from the Association of Title IX Administrators that the president stated that this was a conflict and unethical. Another issue with Guy Simms being removed from his office is there is no one over Equity, Diversity and Inclusion. She stated that the president commented that we did not need that department. She feels that being an HBCU college that it is very important that we have someone in that position.

Rodney Montague made a comment that there is a problem with crime at the Medical Education building dorms. He has a concern, especially when the faculty move over into the building. Darrel asked if we would like to draft a letter and send it to the BOG about sending out a letter of solidarity to the HBCU colleges that have received bomb threats. Mike Lilly made a motion that we send a letter to the BOG, Roy Pruett seconded the motion. No opposed, all approved.

Mike Lilly has been in the process of writing a 5-year program review for the Criminal Justice Program. There are no current data on graduates or exit surveys. He is proposing that students who are applying for graduation, also complete an exit survey. The program needs data to what the students are doing after they graduate. He is asking for the support of the senate to add an exit interview for graduates. Darrel made a comment that he only has about 43 surveys returned from faculty that he sent out earlier. He is asking that we remind the faculty during our school meetings that these need completed.

Adjournment:

At this time with no other issues, Darrel asked for a motion to adjourn. Roy Pruett made a motion to adjourn, Mike Lilly seconds the motion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:40 pm.

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