

## Meeting Minutes – BSC Faculty Senate

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**Location:** Google Meet

**Date:** March 7, 2022

**Time:** 3:15pm

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### Attendance:

Vanessa Godfrey, Kelli Sarver, Bill Bennett, Amanda Matoushek, Rodney Montague, Amy Atwell, Sarah Beth Miles, Vincent Mateescu, Deb Chakrabarti, Adrian Ayersman, Mike Lilly, Diane Belcher, Michelle Taylor, Sean Connolly, Young Kim, Roy Pruett, Ted Lewis; Provost, Felicia Oakes, Derrick Price, Darrel Malamisura; Faculty Senate Chair.

### Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Darrel Malamisura, Faculty Senate Chair at 3:18 pm. Bill Bennett moved to accept the minutes, Deb Chakrabarti seconds the motion. The previous minutes were approved, with no corrections.

### Committee Reports:

1. **Curriculum:** Meet 3/10, several proposals including Honors College and EHSS. He stated that proposals from Dr. Ferguson were not complete and needed to be finalized before the committee can vote.
2. **Assessment:** Has not met
3. **Planning and Budget:** Has not met
4. **Professional Development:** Has not met.
5. **Promotion and Tenure:** All guidelines and timelines have been sent out and all submissions need to be turned in 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:** Next meeting will be 3/9
10. **College Council:** has not met
11. **Student Disciplinary Appeals:** Has not met

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**ACF:** Mike Lilly stated that the WV Senate passed Bill 483 which is the Anti-Racism bill. At 830am this morning, the ACF had representatives at the capital testifying in a hearing with the House about the bill by request of the HEPC. The section of the bill which allows individuals to be sued if they teach about the subject has been eliminated. The only other bill that he knows that has been passed is the Higher Education Budget Bill. Mr. Lilly has not had a chance to read the bill.

**Dr. Ted Lewis:** Last week, Dr. Lewis completed reviewing all of the budget requests for each school. He said there were a little over 300 requests. He prioritized the requests, and sent the top ones to the cabinet. After the decisions are made there, it is sent to the BOG. Darrel made a request for the prioritized list to be sent to him and he would forward on to the senate. Currently, the college is facing some financial issues, even though we are having record numbers of enrollment. He states that we are looking for alternative ways to raise revenue.

Early registration is going on for the next two weeks at the college for the summer and fall 2022 semesters.

Upward evaluations are now in the works, again. Developing these evaluations had been stopped due to Covid, but will now be looked at again. Dr. Lewis has made adjustments to the committee due to members retiring or leaving the college. He feels that the evaluations will be complete within the next few weeks.

Classroom observations have been held off until the upward evaluations are completed. The process will begin the fall of 2022. It is a faculty lead, faculty driven process. That committee will begin in the next few weeks.

Dr. Lewis had a meeting with Derrick Price, Athletic Director, and the Academic/Athletic Summit is moving forward. There will be 5 representatives from athletics and 5 faculty who will meet to discuss the current student issues and how to make improvements.

Vanessa Godfrey asked what was the status of the faculty handbook that her committee completed at the end of the fall semester. Dr. Lewis told Vanessa to contact Cravor Jones to find out the status of the handbook.

**Derrick Price, Athletic Director, and Felicia Oakes, Asst. Director of Athletics for Academic Success and Community Engagement:** Mr. Price stated that students had made the comment that a faculty member had asked the students not to email them, but to text instead. The faculty member placed in their syllabus that if they email they may be lying to them. He feels that we all should work together to give the students the best education possible. That they are students first, and athletes second. Diane Belcher suggested that the senate meet with the coaches from all sports to discuss the student issues and how to improve them. She stated that a student made a comment at week 8 that they still needed to get their books. She said we need to stress to the student athletes the importance of being prepared at the beginning of the semester.

Amanda Matoushek stated that she has had great interactions with coaches about student issues. She said the first step is to reach out to all those involved. She also stated that she has several student athletes who have been falling asleep in class due to early morning conditioning, practices, travel for games. She knows that this is taking away from their sleep. She wants to know if there is anything the faculty can do to help the students get enough rest. Mr. Price stated that each student is required to be given one day off from practices, etc.

Mike Lilly asked if there was still going to be a problem with Criminal Justice classes in the morning. The students were having practices in the morning and were not able to attend classes. This caused all the CJ classes to be pushed to the afternoon. Mr. Price stated that this was because they were doing the block scheduling for freshmen. This will not be a concern for next fall.

Darrel stated that we do have a problem with students not getting their books for one reason or another. He says that his textbooks allow for a free two-week e-book for those that can't get their books right away. Mr. Price stated that the athletics department is starting to fundraise to keep books and materials on hand for the student athletes.

Darrel asked if there was a way that athletics could notify the faculty of all that athletes that are excused for that day. He said that it is usually a picture emailed out later in the day or the next day. This does not allow the faculty to know that the student is absent for a legitimate reason.

**Old Business:**

Darrel stated that he sent the questions that the senate had to Mr. Benjamin and Mr. Shaffer. They are in the process of answering these questions. He hopes to be able to schedule them to attend a faculty senate meeting very soon.

Shane Reviello, SGA president, contacted Darrel and said he would not be able to attend our meeting because the SGA was having a meeting at the same time to vote on the policy for the added fees. He said he would contact Darrel after the voting was over.

Darrel said that he sent the letter to administration about Title 9. He says to date, he has not heard anything from them. He is hopeful that it will be discussed in the next BOG meeting.

**New Business:**

Darrel was given permission to make an announcement on behalf of John Snead. He will be leaving BSC after the spring semester to pursue a position at Concord. Jeff Bolton will be leaving after this semester to pursue a position at VA Tech.

**Closed Session:**

Roy Pruett made a motion to go into closed session, Bill Bennett seconds the motion. All were in favor, none were opposed.

**Adjournment:**

At this time with no other issues, Darrel asked for a motion to adjourn. Mike Lilly made a motion to adjourn, Bill Bennett seconds the motion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:01 pm.

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