

Meeting Minutes – BSC Faculty Senate

Location: Google Meet

Date: April 23, 2021

Time: 11:00 am

Attendance:

Mike Lilly, Amanda Matoushek, Amanda Banks, Amanda Quesenberry, Debjani Chakrabarti, D. Arachchi, Vanessa Godfrey, Kelli Sarver, Roy Pruett, James Pruett, Amanda Banks, A. Berkoh, Tina Nicholson, Geoff Hunter, Karen Grogan, Bill Bennett, Dr Tamara Ferguson, Rodney Montague, Amy Atwell, Dr. 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. Vanessa Godfrey moved to accept the minutes, Roy Pruett seconds the motion. The previous minutes were approved, with no corrections.

Committee Reports:

1. **Curriculum:** Thirty proposals have been sent to the curriculum committee. Four are from the Education Program that he received the previous day. All proposals are attached to this meeting invitation for the senate to review. Mike states that all that were submitted have been approved. Most of the proposals were from the School of Nursing and Allied Health. Roy Pruett made a motion to approve all curriculum proposals, Vanessa Godfrey seconds the motion. All approved, no one opposed.
2. **Assessment:** Met April 19, 2021. Discussed the latest information about the HLC accreditation. Discussed the LiveText data trends. The WVHEPC awarded BSC a \$2500 mini grant to be used for assessment. For the BSC Assessment plan a data base will be created for all previous years assessment information.
3. **Planning and Budget:** Has not met
4. **Professional Development:** Has not met
5. **Promotion and Tenure:** There are 14 applicants. They will be meeting on 4/26/21 @ 1pm to discuss the applications. Mike Lilly hopes to get all letters out by the following Wednesday. There is one application for Faculty Emeritus for Bernie Dragich.
6. **Faculty Right and Responsibilities:** has not met
7. **Student Academic Appeals:** Has not met
8. **Enrollment Management Council:** has not met
9. **BOG:** Had a Student Life meeting on the previous day, but no one showed up. The BOG meets on 4/29/21 @ 4pm. He states that they plan to revisit the general ed policy during the summer meeting.
10. **College Council:** Has not met.
11. **Student Disciplinary Appeals:** Has not met

ACF Report:

Mike Lilly stated that lots of bills had been passed in the last month. False comments had been made in the House about WVU and Marshall losing a lot of money. Even though the budget had them losing the money, it was actually made back from other sources. BSC and no other higher education school has had any budget reductions. The next ACF meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 30th.

New Business:

Darrel states that as of August 1st, if you are a member of the WVEA, they will no longer be deducting your union dues from your paycheck. The WV Legislature passed a bill preventing deducting of dues from pay. The deductions will come directly from your personal checking account.

Bill Bennett stated that someone has officially accepted the position for a computer science faculty. After several years of searching, the position has now been filled.

Dr. Ted Lewis: He stated that the Faculty Senate made a great presentation to the BOG on the previous day about the problems with the new Gen Ed curriculum. He said the BOG was very open to our concerns and thinks there will be some changes in the future.

Graduation will be on May 2nd at 3pm, at Mitchell Stadium. Gates will open at noon. Ponchos have been purchased for the possibility of rain. BSC feels that it is impossible to reserve the Armory due to not being able to social distance there.

Rodney Montague asked what the update was on BRMC. Dr. Lewis said we are on track for the dorms to be ready by August 1st. You are now able to apply for dorm residency on the BSC website. The football team will be moving in at the end of July. Everyone else can move in August 6-8. He asks that if anyone is available that weekend to help students move in, it would be great appreciated. Meals plans have been finalized and you can also apply for this on the website. As far as the School of Nursing and Allied Health, they will not be moving in until Fall 2022.

Dr. Lewis states that a new Dean of Students has been hired. He has been a residence director in the past. He has spent over 20 years in student life. He is not making an official announcement at the time and he will start on June 1st.

An interim Dean of Business will be named in the next month. It may be a current faculty member or someone from outside, but one will definitely be named next month. He states that he hopes to have the full-time position posted this summer.

Geoff Hunter asked about the turnout for student vaccinations. Dr. Lewis stated that he was very disappointed in the number of students who received the vaccines. Only about 30 people participate in the clinic that they had on April 16th. The Goodykoontz pharmacy will also have a clinic for the Covid vaccinations. At this time, students are not required to be vaccinated before they can return for the fall semester. There had been some discussion about requiring the vaccine for those living in the dorms, but that did not happen.

Rodney Montague asked for the numbers for the spring and fall. As of today, the numbers for the past semester was 1139. A teacher certification class will begin on May 15th, which will raise our numbers for spring. They are hoping for about 14 students in that class. Dr. Lewis states that at the present time, he does not have the numbers for fall. He says the preliminary findings for fall are looking good.

Mike Lilly asked when food services will begin. Dr. Lewis says that it will begin the first day of classes, August 12th. It will not be available to those moving in on the previous weekend.

Dr. Lewis that the duties and pay of the chairs of each department was finalized during the last Dean's Council. The deans should be sharing this information with each school. The pay of a chair should be equivalent to what an adjunct will be making.

Darrel stated that the Statement of Censorship passed through the Faculty Senate and the next step should be College Council to be put in as a college policy. Dr. Sarita Rhonemus chairs the College Council and is who needs to see the policy next. After it is approved by the council, it will go to the BOG.

Old Business:

At this time, there is no old business to discuss.

Adjournment:

At this time with no other issues, Vanessa Godfrey made a motion to adjourn. Bill Bennett seconds the motion. All were in favor, no one opposed. Meeting adjourned at 12:18 pm.

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