

Meeting Minutes – BSC Faculty Senate

Location: Google Meet

Date: July 14, 2021

Time: 10:00 am

Attendance:

Mike Lilly, Amanda Matoushek, Amanda Matoushek, D. Arachchi, Vanessa Godfrey, Kelli Sarver, Roy Pruett, Amanda Banks, Michelle Taylor, Geoff Hunter, Bill Bennett, Dr Tamara Ferguson, Rodney Montague, John Snead, 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 10:04 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:** Has not met.
2. **Assessment:** Has not met.
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:** Meeting on 6/25, Mr. Lilly was unable to attend.
10. **College Council:** Has not met.
11. **Student Disciplinary Appeals:** Has not met

New Business:

Dr. Ted Lewis: BState Back met and has decided on the fall 2021 Covid protocols. The mask mandate has been removed. Distancing in the classroom has gone from 6 feet to 3 feet. We will continue the screening process for entrance into a building. There will be mandatory testing before students, faculty, staff can attend classes for the fall. The testing dates will be 8/2-8/11. It will be held in the Health Center on the Bluefield campus and in the Allied Health Wing at the Beckley campus.

The school is shopping for early alert vendors. They have narrowed it down to two: Starfish (the alert system already in place) and Ellucian. After the committee votes, they will get the decision out to the faculty/staff. At this time, Dr. Lewis feels that it will be Ellucian as our new early alert system. Starfish will remain as our alert system until the spring to allow for all faculty/staff to be properly trained.

Two weeks ago, the college had an Academic Retreat at Glade Spring. Department chairs, program directors and Dr. Lewis attended. They discussed the roles of each of the positions and what they are encountering as a college. He felt that it was a very productive retreat.

The new faculty retreat is scheduled for July 30th and 31st. This will be held at Pipestem State Park.

The residence halls will be open for athletes beginning on July 29th. The general population will be allowed to move in beginning on August 6th. The rooms are almost all finished. Dr. Lewis asked that if you are available, please help move students into the dorms. Vanessa Godfrey asked if there is an open house planned for the building to allow the employees of the college to view the facility. Dr. Lewis says that would be a great idea, but they will be working on the dorm rooms up until the students move in. Dr. Lewis stated that the issues with the cafeteria in the building have been fixed. He stated that the cafeteria will be open to those that would like to conduct meetings at the facility.

The All College Institute is scheduled for August 11th. The morning sessions will be issues that everyone at the college needs to hear. The afternoon will be the school meetings.

Dr. Lewis stated that he has been speaking with Carolyn Kirby and the Academic Success Center are in need of more tutors. He said that any faculty member that commits to 2 hours of tutoring, he will give you 4 hours of office time.

Rodney Montague had a concern with what kind of access the students in the Honors Housing have to lunches. Dr. Lewis stated that the buses will be running to the Medical Education Center for students to eat. Brent Benjamin has been working with the city to make this possible. Rodney also asked about students traveling from the dorms to the library for studying. He was concerned with the hours that the library is open and would there be a need more staff. Dr. Lewis agreed that we need more personnel for the library to extend the hours.

Dr. Lewis stated that Heritage is slated to be finished by October 2021. It will be open to the students starting spring 2022. They plan to open an additional cafeteria on the main campus once the dorms are open in the spring.

The college has just signed a contract with DSI security to provide 24-hour security to the college. New security cameras have been placed throughout the dorms for safety. A new contact sheet will be placed in the dorms for students in case of an emergency. There will be lockdown drills, a weather drills, and fire drills will be put in place again in the near future for students and faculty.

Mike Lilly asked for a forecast of how many students do we have this year compared to last year. Tammy Ferguson stated that currently we are up 1 student from last year. Dr. Lewis has set in place that no new student can register until they have gone through the new student orientation.

Dr. Lewis stated that we currently have 150 beds assigned. There are only 8 single beds for men left in the dorms. There are 19 single beds available for females left in the dorms. They will begin training for RAs for the dorms and the Honors Housing. These positions will be given to the students.

Amanda Matoushek asked about the future of the coffee shop. He stated that it is ready to open, but will not open until after the fair is over.

Amanda Matoushek asked if they will continue a national search for deans for the School of Business and the School of Education, Humanities and Social Sciences. He stated that the search will kick off in November. There is a psychology, computer science, nursing, and English positions that need to be filled. Dr. Lewis said that we need to focus on why we are unsuccessful with our searches. Bill Bennett asked if there would also be a search for the dean of STEM. Dr. Lewis said that there would be a search for that dean as well.

Dr. Lewis stated that he wants to bring more classes and programs to the Beckley campus. He would like to have a fulltime Math and English faculty by fall of 2022. He stated there is no reason why we couldn't have a strong Criminal Justice and Business programs at that campus. He wants all deans and chairs to have a greater presence on the Beckley campus.

Vanessa Godfrey asked about the status on the Upward evaluations of Administration. Shelia Sargent-Martin is leading that committee and she stated that the evaluations are ready for distribution. He will bring it up in Dean's council to see if we can get this going by fall 2021.

USDE has a new ruling that for students to be eligible for financial aid, the classes that they take must be part of their degree plan. We must be careful that when we schedule students for classes that they can go toward their chosen degree. Tammy Martin will discuss this more during faculty institute. Vanessa Godfrey stated that due to the Rad Tech selective program, most students have all of their general education classes by the time they enter the program. Each semester the students will need more classes to be fulltime students, so the faculty pulls classes from the BS Imaging Science to take care of financial aid. She asked if this would be problem when this ruling goes into place. Dr. Lewis stated that it would be a problem because this was not the student's stated degree. He thinks we need to discuss this with Tammy Martin to figure a way to remedy this issue. Vanessa asked if we could possibly have the students declare a double major so there would be no issues with financial aid.

Dr. Lewis talked about the TES Transfer Equivalency System is a database that has the top 50 institutions that our students transfer in from and their classes. It will allow the school to know exactly how a student's previous college classes will transfer into our facility. There will be some training on how to use the database.

In WV, if any student takes more than 15 hours, those additional hours are free. The BOG has approved a policy that anything over 15 hours, the student will pay a fee. This helps in paying the faculty for teaching these students. Darrel stated that he believes that due to this new policy, students may decide to take only 12/13 hours to keep from having to pay the additional fee. He stated that he has spoken with President Capehart and asked that the BOG talk with the faculty senate before making decisions that will affect students. He suggests that if a lab attached to a class makes the number of hours at 16, then an exception be made.

Old Business:

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

Adjournment:

At this time with no other issues, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm.

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