

Meeting Minutes – BSC Faculty Senate

Location: Google Meet

Date: July 26, 2022

Time: 10:00 am

Attendance:

Mike Lilly, Vincent Mateescu, Vanessa Godfrey, Young Kim, Kelli Sarver, Anne Pelchar, Deb Chakrabarti, Bill, Bennett, Amanda Quesenberry, Michelle Taylor, Jake Laney, Roy Pruett, Darrel Malamisura; Faculty Senate Chair.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Darrel Malamisura, Faculty Senate Chair at 10:02am. Approval of the minutes from the previous meeting will be postponed until the next meeting.

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:** Mike was unable to attend the meeting on 7/28/22
10. **College Council:** has not met
11. **Student Disciplinary Appeals:** Has not met

ACF: The yearly retreat will be postponed until October to better discuss legislative issues.

Old Business:

Darrel asked Mike Lilly about the progress of the resolutions and he said that they are en route to the BOG and the athletic department.

Darrel stated that he has sent a link out containing the constitution changes and wants everyone to look over it for comments. He is still waiting to hear from Dr. Lewis on the name changes to some of the committees and what these committees will not include. At the time of this meeting, there were not enough members for a quorum. He said if there were not any comments on the changes, he would send out an email for a vote. He stated he will schedule a general faculty meeting after the fall semester starts. Mike Lilly reminded everyone that there will no longer be a curriculum committee. He stated that any curriculum changes will be between the deans and Dr. Lewis. Darrel asked again if there were any questions on the constitution.

New Business:

Anne Pelchar attended the meeting to address how faculty can get involved with the students. She stated that during her talks with Dr. Lewis, he stated that students are eager to get to know faculty outside of the classroom. Jake Laney, assistant director of student activities, also joined the meeting to discuss what he has planned for students this fall. She had created a power point for ideas and will share with Darrel to pass along to the senate. She stated the easiest way to get to know the students is to attend any activities that are held on campus. Mr. Laney and Ms. Pelchar gave the senate a list of all the activities that have been scheduled for the fall and asked that the faculty/staff attend.

Darrel asked if anyone had been invited to the meeting the prior day about the new policies created by the BOG. Vanessa stated that anyone who submitted commits were invited by Brent Benjamin to attend the meeting. She stated that several SNAH faculty members were present due to the new policy that states that all AS degrees would include the new courses. Each faculty member present was asked to speak their concerns on this new policy. She said that President Capehart stated that you didn't have to add a course or courses, that we have to make sure the students are proficient in those areas. She said she was not sure how you could work in American History into a Rad Tech program curriculum. She said she also brought up about the new policy that does away with a hiring committee to search for new faculty. She feels that this is not fair practice if the choice can be made by the president. She stated that the president said the schools could do what they wanted to do in hiring new faculty.

At this time Roy Pruett stated that the President talked about a University Improvement Process to solve school problems. The present policies involved were poorly written and the procedures are a way to do things and are not the policies. The president also stated that we are losing perspective qualified faculty due to taking too much time to respond. The president would like to develop a preparatory school for entering students and the classes that contain labs, such as math and English, students are being given a grade and are not being prepared for the upper level classes.

Vanessa brought up the issue with when freshmen enter the college, they are given to the counseling center for advising. This causes a problem if students are misinformed about what classes they need to go along with their desired programs. Roy Pruett and Darrel both agreed that they had the same issues with the students interested in their programs.

Vanessa also stated that she asked the president about the policy requiring extra-curricular activities while a student is at the university. The president said that it would be left up to each school to decide on the number of hours that will be required. She also commented on the issue about new hires. The president had stated that if we bypass the hiring committees, we can get new faculty hired faster and not lose them because we take too long to get back to them.

Deb Chakrabarti asked if the pay for adjuncts was going to increase. That Dr. Lewis stated that it would be increasing. Darrel stated that he thought that it was going to increase. He does not know a timeframe or how much the pay may increase.

Michelle Taylor asked if the BOG spoke about the new policy which listed the new duties of the faculty, such as recruitment, etc. Roy said that they did speak of the duties of faculty, but did not have a resolution. Darrel stated that it has always been somewhat of a responsibility of

the faculty to help with recruiting. He says he doesn't know if this is a way to make faculty attend recruitment fairs on the weekends.

At this time, Darrel brought up the enrollment comparison spreadsheet from Fall 2021 versus Fall 2022. He said there is a reduction in students from last year. Dr. Lewis told him that all new students must attend an orientation session before they can be considered a student and count in the enrollment numbers.

Adjournment:

At this time with no other issues, Darrel asked for a motion to adjourn. Michelle Taylor made a motion to adjourn, Vanessa Godfrey seconds the motion, meeting was adjourned at 12:48 pm.

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