

Meeting Minutes – BSC Faculty Senate

Location: Google Meet

Date: August 20, 2021

Time: 11:00 am

Attendance:

Mike Lilly, Amanda Matoushek, Amanda Matoushek, Vanessa Godfrey, Kelli Sarver, Roy Pruett, Amanda Banks, Bill Bennett, Rodney Montague, John Snead, Amy Atwell, Dr. Ted Lewis, Adrian Ayersman, Amanda Quesenberry, Sarah Beth Miles, Vincent Mateescu, Deb Chakrabarti, Tina Nicholson, Young Kim, Diane Belcher, Darrel Malamisura; Faculty Senate Chair.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Darrel Malamisura, Faculty Senate Chair at 11:03 am. Roy Pruett moved to accept the minutes, Amanda Quesenberry seconds the motion. The previous minutes were approved, with no corrections.

Committee Reports:

1. **Curriculum:** Has not met. Will need new members for the committee. Will schedule a meeting in the next few weeks.
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:** Met to discuss 2 students that had been dismissed. Both of the students have been reinstated.
8. **Enrollment Management Council:** Has not met
9. **BOG:** Had 4 committee meetings on August 19th. The main concern was enrollment issues. One half of the student body is receiving financial aid. 238 scholarships have been awarded. Several incidences in the dormitory. Student conduct hearing of a freshman that morning. The next meeting will be in September.
10. **College Council:** Has not met.
11. **Student Disciplinary Appeals:** Has not met

New Business:

Dr. Ted Lewis: Enrollment is up a little over 5%-68 students, a total of 1325 students. We currently have 28 dual credit students.

Young asked If Dr. Lewis could clarify the mask rule for the college. He stated that the college was honoring the governor's mandate and not requiring masks in the building. Masks will not be required unless the governor puts out another mandate.

Darrel asked Dr. Lewis about getting the booster shots for the Covid vaccines. Dr. Lewis stated he has been advised not to encourage the boosters until after September 28th. That is

the time the FDA and CDC recommends. He says there will be a vaccine clinic Friday, August 27th and Friday, September 3rd for those that have not have their first vaccines.

The cafeteria at the MEC is almost finished except we do not have the equipment. The college has been waiting on the equipment for about 2 weeks which is on a dock in Chicago. The students are being served in the student center until everything arrives. The desks and standing closets are also waiting to be shipped.

Dr. Lewis stated that Heritage Village is slated to be finished by October 2021. He says that the college is getting frustrated with the contractor that won the bid. It needs to be moved along at a faster rate. The pipes have been taken care of and the retention wall has been put up, so there is no reason the construction can begin.

Rodney Montague stated that the students that are living in the dorms are having a difficult time doing their homework due to not having desks. It was suggested that they work on the tables in the common areas. Unfortunately, the tables are too small to work on. Dr. Lewis stated that the library will be open on weekends and extended hours to assist with the student's homework issues.

Rodney also asked about the status of the Big Blue Brew coffee shop. It will open after the fair. There will be a ribbon cutting and invite the chamber of commerce. There was a suggestion for the faculty senate to have meetings in the coffee shop.

Mike Lilly stated that Homecoming was planned for the week of October 4-10. Plans in place for a parade. The Brian Delp run will be held during that time. The director of student life is planning many functions for the students.

Mike Lilly also stated that this fall the president will be begin a major strategic planning event. This will be completed by January 2022. Faculty and students will be a part of this event.

Rodney asked who was eligible to serve on the faculty senate. Darrel said that the constitution states that you must be a full-time faculty member, but if schools are small with minimal faculty, you must put in visiting faculty.

Darrel has been asked by the president to pass along information about cohorts that are required from the students. This would be similar to what Concord requires of their students. He plans on hiring someone part-time to assist in this. Darrel suggested having a dinner for students where they can have mock interviews to prepare for actual job interviews. He would like the senate to send any suggestions for extracurricular items within the next two weeks.

BState Back-The college is following CDC guidelines. If a student has experienced a primary exposure they must quarantine for 14 days. They may test after 10 days, but can't return until after the 14 days. Amanda Matoushek stated there was a recent article from the Mercer County Health Department stating that there were known cases of the Delta variant in the county and that people should begin wearing their masks again. She also stated that there are set numbers of positive cases on the campus to determine if we must mandate masks and if we will go virtual. It is 1 ½% for masks and 3% for virtual.

Darrel stated that we will most likely be asked by administration to start going to high schools and community colleges for recruiting. By setting up agreements with the community colleges, we can bring in students to our programs that have already completed their general studies.

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. He asks for help in writing a letter to President Capehart asking to reconsider this policy.

Old Business:

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

Adjournment:

At this time with no other issues, Darrel asked for a motion to adjourn. Roy Pruett made a motion to adjourn, Bill Bennett seconds the motion, the meeting was adjourned at 12:57 pm.

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