

Meeting Minutes – BSC Faculty Senate

Location: Dickason Hall-Tierney Auditorium

Date: 12/6/19

Time: 11:00 am

Attendance:

Debra Vest, Michelle Taylor, Kelli Sarver, James Pruett, Carol Cofer, Vanessa Godfrey, Amanda Quesenberry, Amy Bennett, Mike Lilly, Darrel Malamisura, Bill Bennett, Amanda Banks, Rodney Montague, Geoff Hunter, Darrell Thompson, Amanda Matoushek; Faculty Senate Chair.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Amanda Matoushek, Faculty Senate Chair at 11:06am. Rodney Montague moved to accept the November minutes, all were in favor. 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:** Will meet in January or February
6. **Right and Responsibilities:** has not met
7. **Academic Appeals:** has not met
8. **Enrollment Management Council:** has not met

ACF Report:

There is a concern within the ACF of a 5% budget cut in 2020. The legislature has stated that the revenues are not down as much as was previously thought. The state may have enough money to meet the budget and may not need the higher education cut.

An article in the Charleston Gazette on 12/5/19 discussed the enrollment status in WV colleges. It was stated that the enrollment in two-year institutions had increased since the bill passed to give free tuition to these students. New River was among the Community Colleges that enrollment had increased. The college with the most loss in enrollment was Concord University, with an 8% loss since 2018. At present, they have 1649 students which is a significant loss from the 3500 students just 5 years ago. Glenville, Marshall and WVU are the only four-year colleges in the state with an increase in student enrollment. All other institutions have lost at least 2% or more students in the last two years.

BOG:

Pertaining to Policy **#42** (Presidential appointments), Amanda Matoushek feels that Carol Cofer is taking care of the issue very well in BOG meetings. She stated that we would discuss it further after the next BOG meeting.

Below is the latest on the policy from the 11/7/19 BOG meeting.

Report from Board of Governors – November 7, 2019

1. Policy #42 regarding presidential appointments of direct report hires was removed from November 7, 2019 BOG agenda in order to ascertain a legal opinion as per the request of the Executive Committee. I shared my concerns with Executive Committee and requested my typed comments be entered into the October 29, 2019 Executive Committee Minute

New Business:

Dr. Lewis spoke about his visit with HEPC. The BS in Health Education has now passed, the program will now start the fall of 2020. The MS degree requires 7 criteria that must be met. One being that we must have 2/3 of the faculty having terminal degrees: doctorate, JD, MFA. The HEPC would not count the MSN or the MS in Engineering. He states that this will be our biggest hurdle to jump in being able to provide Master's degrees to students. At this time, we have 42% of the faculty having terminal degrees. The HEPC approved the college's master plan and the funding for it. He hopes that the funding will be given to us.

He stated that Concord University was the worst hit with enrollment drops and that WV State was second, with Bluefield State coming in third.

With free tuition given to community college students, we are in the process of making articulation agreements with New River and surrounding community colleges to obtain students who plan to further their education at a four-year institution. He recently took the Deans to New River to speak about the programs offered at our institution. Dr. Lewis spoke with the recruiters to visit these community colleges frequently to alert their students of what we offer.

Dr. Lewis stated that his role has now changed and that he is also over the student population, as well as, the faculty. He has been working very hard in the last three weeks with recruiting, scholarships and financial aid.

Darrel Malamisura asked Dr. Lewis to bring to each school ideas about recruiting that can be used in the high schools. He stated that starting next semester, all schools would begin reaching out to the high schools for recruitment. He is going to request that the recruiters attend school meetings to get a better understanding of what each school requires for admission. Dr. Lewis announced that he has hired Anthony Underwood as the new Chief Enrollment Officer. Geoff Hunter suggested that every school begin traveling to the recruitment and transfer fairs at the local high schools and community colleges. He stated that Southwest Virginia Community College was an institution that could benefit our enrollment, especially in the field of engineering. Vanessa Godfrey recommended purchasing small items, such as pens or pencils imprinted with the college name, to give to high school students during these fairs as a reminder that we would enjoy having them as a future student. In addition to what Vanessa stated, Darrel Malamisura recommended we also develop flyers with each school's admission criteria.

Promotion and Tenure Revisions documents were emailed to all senators for evaluation. Amanda states that on the page that contains the minimum criteria there are a few things that are going to be changed. To be eligible for full professor, you must have a terminal degree. This is in light of the recent HEPC issues with granting Master's degrees and the college needing 2/3 of their faculty with terminal degrees. She stated that we would not discuss this today, but would talk more about it when we met again in the spring.

Amanda plans to invite President Capehart to the January 2020 Faculty Senate meeting. She would like there to be a question and answer period and recommends the senate to have questions prepared for the president.

Geoff Hunter inquired about the list of BOG committees that have been developed by the members. He was questioning if the Faculty Senate had representatives present for each of these committee meetings. Amanda stated that Carol Cofer was our representative and was sure that she had not been asked to attend all of the different meetings, nor would she be capable of attending them. Darrel Malimasura suggested that a representative of the Faculty Senate be allowed to attend some of the meetings that would pertain to the faculty, such as Academic Affairs. Amanda acknowledged that she would check on that and get back to us at the next meeting.

Adjournment:

With no other business, Amanda asked for a motion for adjournment. Darrell Thompson made the motion to adjourn and Amanda Banks seconds the motion. Meeting adjourned.

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