

Meeting Minutes – BSC Faculty Senate

Location: Google Meet

Date: March 12, 2021

Time: 11:00 am

Attendance:

Dr. Tamara Ferguson, Mike Lilly, Amanda Matoushek, Amanda Banks, Amanda Quesenberry, Debjani Chakrabarti, D. Arachchi, Vanessa Godfrey, Kelli Sarver, Roy Pruett, James Pruett, Sean Connolly, Tina Nicholson, Karen Grogan, Bill Bennett, A. Berkoh, 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 11:02 am. Roy Pruett moved to accept the minutes, Bill Bennett seconds the motion. The previous minutes were approved, with no corrections.

Committee Reports:

1. **Curriculum:** Mr. Lilly stated that today he was given several proposals from Health Sciences. He believes he will be receiving a few curriculum proposals from Arts and Humanities. He will set up meetings within the next few weeks.
2. **Assessment:** Has not met since last meeting
3. **Planning and Budget:** Has not met
4. **Professional Development:** Has not met
5. **Promotion and Tenure:** The revised guidelines for P & T was sent out on March 11th. On Monday, March 8th, Mr. Lilly was asked to attend Dean's Council as P & T chairman and it was decided to use One Drive to submit portfolios. The deadline is still April 1st @ 4pm. Currently, Jeff Bolton, Cheryl Winter, Darrel Malamisura and Mike Lilly are members of the P & T committee.
6. **Right and Responsibilities:** has not met
7. **Academic Appeals:** Has not met
8. **Enrollment Management Council:** has not met
9. **BOG:** Meeting was March 4th, there was resolution passed to transfer ownership of the East River Mountain Soccer Complex, which is owned by BSC to the East River Mountain Soccer Association. This also includes to allow BSC to use two of the soccer fields. Information was given out about the student fees for meals at BRMC.
10. **College Council:** Has not met. President must call meeting.
11. **Student Disciplinary Appeals:** Has not met
12. **Faculty Rights and Responsibilities:** Has not met

ACF Report:

The proposal by Del. Ellington to begin a nursing program at Concord University will not pass and not receive 2 million dollars in funding. The HB 3034 is trying to do away with the licensure of all Radiologic Technologists in the state. If this passes then anyone can be able to perform x-rays in the state. Vanessa Godfrey stated that Melissa Haye, Rad Tech program director, had sent out emails asking the RT's in the state to send letters to the delegates to ask them to vote no on this bill.

Dr. Ted Lewis: stated that Aramark would be the food service for the college and the prices per semester are as follows: Unlimited meal plan is \$2400, 100 meal plan is \$900, and the 50 meal plan is \$450. This equals out to about \$9 a meal.

The college is preparing for 2 Honors cottages to be open by the fall. They are reserved only for the honor students at the college. Nine students have been selected, 3 men and 6 women. The beds available at BRMC will be 164. There will be 104 doubles and 60 singles.

He stated that the college will be receiving more Cares Act Funds. The funds will be utilized as appropriated.

There are currently 7 bills moving through legislature about guns on campus. Senate bill 353 and House bill 2694 are to allow guns on campus. It states that it is the intent of the Legislature in enacting this act to protect West Virginia employees.

Two days ago, Dr. Lewis met with the state medical director in hopes of making the Covid vaccine available to all students by the end of the semester. He sent out a survey asking students if this became available, would they take it.

He thanked everyone that replied to his email about the new general education requirements. He is developing a gen ed committee to take a look at the new requirements. He said they have kicked off the curriculum team to discuss the 5.1.1, 5.1.2, 5.1.3 sections of the new curriculum proposal for general education.

He stated that colleges in the north were not happy with the proposal for BSC to begin offering engineering courses in Wheeling at the Ohio Valley Medical Center. The city council and mayor are very supportive of BSC coming to Wheeling. Fourteen area employers have also said that they are happy with the possibility of new classes being offered.

BState Back meets every Wednesday morning to discuss the Covid situation on campus. Even if the state starts loosening their requirements, the college will maintain all requirements that in place, at least through this semester.

The final item that Dr. Lewis wanted to speak about was that the Higher Learning Commission was having their annual conference in a few weeks. It will be a virtual conference and some of the sessions will be open to the public. The auditorium in Basic Science will be open for anyone to come and listen to the sessions.

Mike Lilly stated that he had been placed on quarantine that morning and was interested in what the committee had decided on vaccinations and quarantining. Dr. Lewis stated that the health center had given out over 220 first doses and about 40 second doses left to be administered. The first group that were given the vaccine were college employees, the second were for Nursing and Allied Health students, and lastly were students in internships and those that would be working with the community. He hopes in the next few weeks to open it up to all students. He reminded the faculty senate that the college has begun the random testing of students and if they do not comply, they will be put on quarantine until they are tested and the results have reached the health center. If a student contacts you about being quarantined, please find out what type of quarantine they are on. If it is due to not complying with the random testing, that is not considered an excused absence.

Vanessa Godfrey asked what the status was on the marquee in front of Dickason Hall. Dr. Lewis stated that marketing is in the process of working on a replacement.

Rodney Montague asked if he had received Dr. Connolly's email about trying to refine the process for reimbursement for those faculty that travel to the college. They feel that it is a very lengthy process and an inefficient process that sends the wrong message to prospective faculty about our professionalism. Dr. Connolly feels that the faculty member should be able to give someone in financial the receipts and it be taken care of by them. Dr. Lewis stated that the state auditor requires the forms to be completed for reimbursement, but agrees that someone at the college should assist with completing the forms.

New Business:

Currently, there is no new business.

Closed Session:

Darrel asked for a motion to go into closed session. Rodney Montague made a motion to go into closed session, Bill Bennett seconds the motion. All agreed, no one opposed.

Open Session:

At that time, a motion was made by Roy Pruett to go out of closed session, Rodney Montague seconds the motion. All were in favor, no one opposed.

A motion was made by Roy Pruett to submit Dr. Sean Connolly's presentation to Dr. Ted Lewis during Dean's Council. Bill Bennett seconds the motion. All were in favor, no one was opposed.

Rodney Montague asked if the faculty senate could get a list of all the faculty who are currently named chairs of their departments. He feels that some are not being compensated for this position.

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 12:49 pm.

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