

**Academic Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Boyd Conference Room**  
**Thursday, April 17, 2025, 2:00 PM**

**Members Present:** Chair Jack Sheffler; Mr. Ed Toman; Mr. Shannon Remines; Mr. Bill Cole; Mr. Mike Hastings.

**Guests:** President Darrin Martin; Mr. Brent Benjamin; Dr. Sarita Rhonemus; Mr. Darrel Malamisura.

**1. Call to Order**

Due to a delay for Mr. Sheffler, Mr. Toman called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m., and welcomed attendees.

**2. General Update – Selection of Provost – President Martin**

Dr. Martin reported that he selected Dr. Rhonemus to be BSU's Provost, effective 04/16/2025. He provided some of the reasons which caused Dr. Rhonemus to be the pick of several qualified finalists. All present congratulated Dr. Rhonemus.

**3. Academic Update – Provost's Report – Dr. Rhonemus**

- a. Action Items - None
- b. HLC Focused Visit Update – Dr. Rhonemus stated that all comments seemed positive and that we are waiting on the draft report from the visit. She expects it the week of 04/21/2025.
- c. HLC Standard Pathways Visit – Dr. Rhonemus reported that the HLC Standard Pathways Visit (every 3 years) is scheduled for 2026. Preparations are being put into place in anticipation of this Visit.
- d. 2025 HLC Conference – Dr. Rhonemus indicated that 7 individuals from BSU attended this month's Annual Conference in Chicago.
- e. Institutional Learning Outcomes – Dr. Rhonemus reported provided an update on ILO's for year 2025-26 (see attachment 1).
- f. Pre-registration – Dr. Rhonemus provided dates for registrations for groups, including veterans on 04/04/25, and continuing students on 04/07/25. She provided information on efforts being made to encourage such registrations. Mr. Malamisura state that his efforts were frustrating, because he was having a hard time getting students to register. A general discussion ensued about the challenges of effective communications with students.
- g. Program Review – Dr. Rhonemus reported that the 5-year cycle for review was sent to faculty last week. One program and 2-year nursing degrees are being reviewed.
- h. University of Akron Law – Dr. Rhonemus advised of the 3/3 agreement which BSU now has with the University of Akron School of Law. An Open House is scheduled for 04/24/25.



- i. Cole College of Business – Dr. Rhonemus advised that the College had multiple winners and were the West Virginia state FBLA winners. 6 students will travel to Texas in June for the Nationals.
- j. LPH to RN/BSN Program – Dr. Rhonemus proudly reported to the Committee that BSU is ranked #1 in West Virginia by [practicalnursing.org](http://practicalnursing.org).
- k. STEM – College of Health Sciences – Dr. Rhonemus showed the new signage developed by BSU's engineering tech students for the College of Health Sciences.

#### **4. Other Information/Updates**

Mr. Toman reported on collaborative efforts between BSU and the Mercer County Board of Education. This included establishing 566 senior contacts with BSU and getting students on BSU's campus by bus. A general discussion occurred in which Mr. Toman was thanked, Dr. Martin reported about similar opportunities with Tazewell County students and related recruiting opportunities.

#### **4. Adjournment**

Chair Sheffler adjourned the meeting at approximately 2:50 p.m..





**BOG Academic Affairs Committee Agenda**  
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- Call to Order Mr. Jack Sheffler, Chair
  
- Updates: Dr. Sarita Rhonemus,  
Interim Provost
  - a. HLC Focused Visit Update
  - b. Pre-Registration Fall 2025
  - c. Program Review
  - d. College Updates
  - e. Curriculum Changes
    - i Institutional Learning Outcomes (ILOs)
  
- Adjournment Mr. Jack Sheffler, Chair



# Bluefield State University

## Institutional Learning Outcomes (ILOs)

### 2025-2026

#### ***ILO 1: Communication***

Students will communicate effectively both orally and in writing.

- AAC&U Written Communication Rubric
- AAC&U Oral Communication Rubric

#### ***ILO 2: Information Literacy***

Students will select appropriate resources, prioritize information in terms of relevance and reliability, question and evaluate the complexity of the information environment, and use information in an ethical manner.

- AAC&U Information and Technology Rubric

#### ***ILO 3: Technology Literacy***

Students will be able to demonstrate the ability to use appropriate technology for communicating, solving problems, and decision making.

- AAC&U Information and Technology Literacy Rubric

#### ***ILO 4: Mathematical Literacy***

Students will use mathematical problem-solving skills to investigate, model, and solve real-world problems at an appropriate level.

- AAC&U Quantitative Literacy Rubric

#### ***ILO 5: Social, Artistic, and Cultural Literacy***

Students will analyze and compare diverse social and cultural patterns, texts, and performances and will evaluate them from a global perspective.

- AAC&U Global Learning Rubric
- AAC&U Intercultural Knowledge Rubric

#### ***ILO 6: Scientific Literacy***

Students will understand and apply scientific concepts and develop science inquiry and research skills.

- AAC&U Inquiry and Analysis Rubric

#### ***ILO 7: Critical and Ethical Reasoning***

Students will interpret, analyze, and construct ethical arguments.

- AAC&U Critical Thinking Rubric
- AAC&U Ethical Reasoning Rubric

#### ***ILO 8: Wellness***

- Students will be able to apply skills necessary to maintain physical and mental wellness.

#### ***ILO 8: Foundations and Skills for Lifelong Learning***

Students will develop self-awareness, set learning goals, and pursue self-directed growth.

- AAC&U Foundations and Skills for Lifelong Learning Rubric

#### ***ILO 9: Leadership, Service, Citizenship, and Cultural Appreciation***

Students will develop skills necessary for responsible leadership, service, and citizenship.

- Co-curricular activities

