

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

Friday, April 11, 2014, 11 a.m.

Tierney Conference Room, Dickason Hall

Attendees: Dr. Zakir Hossain, Erik Baldwin, Jeff Bolton, Steve Bourne, Carol Cofer, Jan Czarnecki, Sheila Gates, Vanesa Godfrey, Deb Halsey-Hunter for Geoff Hunter, Julie Kalk, Norm Mirsky, Tina Nicholson, Roy Pruett, Adem Ozyacas, Darryl Malamisura for Elaine Scott, Terene Stiltner, Darrell Thompson for Tammy Ferguson, Sherri Williams.

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of Minutes from the March meeting.

A motion to approve the minutes from the March 7, 2014 meeting was made by Steve Bourne and seconded by Roy Pruett. Vote: unanimous.

III. Old Business:

A. Committees: Need an update as to who will be replaced.

ACF: vacancy next year

P & T: voted in each college

IT Committee: approves IT subcommittees

B. Online Platform – Moodle and/or Blackboard?

General discussion regarding report of IT committee.

Steve: Faculty Senate went on record unanimously supporting the preservation of both platforms. Why make half the house unhappy?

(Dr. Hossain was asked to comment on the time-frame and nature of any potential administrative decision as to which platform(s) will be used.)

Dr. Hossain: Nothing has been decided. It depends on the documents we get. President Krotseng is keeping an open mind. However, there will be enough warning if a decision is made whether the college continues with both platforms or just one, so the faculty can be prepared.

Vanessa: Question about the survey – only asked students, not instructors

Julie: Need to see which teachers used which platform, and if they used both platforms, which did they prefer?

Carol: 6 on the Faculty Senate were among the 12 on the IT subcommittee. The primary technical staff from both Moodle and Blackboard were represented.

MOTION: Steve Bourne made the following motion: The BSC faculty Senate has expressed unanimous support for the retention of both Moodle and Blackboard as learning

management platforms at BSC. However, should the BSC administration choose to act contrary to the wishes of the BSC faculty, and select a single learning management platform, I move that Moodle be the single learning management system for BSC, beginning with the 2014 Fall semester.

The motion was seconded by Roy Pruett. VOTE; 8 for, 6 opposed. The motion carried.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Academic Appeals

No report

B. Assessment Committee

Julie: Haven't met; had LiveText training on the reporting side rather than rubrics. Everyone should be looking forward to doing assessments for the spring if they are teaching a class on the schedule for assessment. A list of courses that have to be assessed is on the Research Institutional and Effectiveness website.

Carol: Training was very helpful; more opportunities for training in the future.

C. Budget Committee

Norm: The BSC Budget Committee met today. Each faculty member will receive a \$504 increase which is added to the base salary.

D. ACF

(Mike Lilly not present)

E. Curriculum Committee

(Mike Lilly not present – see Curriculum Proposals below)

F. Professional Development

Vanessa: Have not met yet

G. Promotion and Tenure (P & T)

Elaine: Will meet next Monday

H. Board of Governors (BOG)

Norm: Next year will have a committee that will conduct long-range planning on faculty salaries, including equity as well as base salary.

Recommendation for tuition increase: 4.82 percent increase in state, 5.01 out of state, 5.07 for metro.

Technology fee increase: From \$30 to \$42 per semester.

Discussion: tuition will be going up in all state schools.

Carol: BSC will still be the cheapest four-year institution in the state.

Special Recognition: Business major Cheyanne Walker's business plan presentation at the West Virginia University Collegiate Business Plan Competition was so impressive that she was approached by venture capitalists and has accepted a position with a Charleston-based business to implement her plan for the company beginning in May.

Policy 57 fundraising sent to Board. If approved, will be sent out for 30-day comment.

I. Computer Committee

Carol: No report.

V. New Business

A. Curriculum Proposals

1. School of Nursing and Allied Health:

a. Revision of the AS RAD program to reduce credit hours to 65 and update needed curriculum.

2. School of Arts and Sciences

a. Revision of BS Soc. Science degree to reduce hours to 120 from 128.

b. Creation of new course, NASC 200, Intro. to Scientific Research

c. Modification of NASC 498 prerequisites.

d. Modification of NASC 499 to reflect changes in NASC 498

A motion to accept all curriculum proposals was made by Roy, seconded by Debbie. Approved unopposed.

B. 490 courses with new course numbers.

Short discussion: 490 courses are temporary; after teaching it for once or twice, the faculty member can submit a proposal to make it a permanent course with a new course number.

C. Voting for Faculty of the Year based on nominations

Senators completed a silent ballot vote based on a final list submitted to Carol from the colleges.

Carol: We need to clarify some issues for next year. Some colleges voted within the school, but some forwarded the names of all nominees to the Faculty Senate. We need to clarify if we should require a school-level vote for a single submission from each school.

VI. Other

A. Two new awards to recognize faculty and staff.

Dr. Hossain: One is for mentoring, and one is for advising. These are referred to as the Presidential Award for Outstanding Faculty Advising and the Presidential Award for Outstanding Mentoring (staff). Nominations should be sent directly to Dr. Hossain. The deadline for submissions is April 15th.

B. Conversation with the President.

Next week, Wednesday, at 8:30 am

C. Incident reporting.

Debbie: Need to clarify how to deal with student behavior incidents. Numerous incidents in Mahood from one student.

Norm: There is a procedure for reporting; report an incident to the VP of Student Affairs who tries to resolve it, Then it goes to committee. After that, it goes through the appeal process. It's in the student handbook.

Dr. Hossain: This is very important. Need to have documentation. Obtain any physical evidence available (e.g., tapes). There should be a zero tolerance policy.

Carol: Review the student conduct code; check the policy.

Vanessa: Faculty need to follow through with this.

D. Appreciations:

Carol thanked everyone for support during her term as chair.

Nominations and voting for officers will occur at the next General Faculty meeting.

VII. Other

A. General Faculty Meeting – Monday, April 21, 2014, 3 p.m., Tierney auditorium.

VIII. Adjournment.

Following a motion and second, the Senators voted unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jan Czarnecki, Secretary