

Minutes
Faculty Senate Meeting
January 30, 2013
11 a.m. – Mahood Conference

Present: Norman Mirsky, Tony Woart, Julie Kalk, John Snead, Albert Berkoh, Geoff Hunter, Carol Cofer, Cheryl Winter (via phone), Jeff Bolton, Erik Baldwin, Adem Ozyaras, Sherri Williams, Roy Pruett, Deb Halsey-Hunter, Mike Lilly; Guests: Darrel Malamisura, Tracey Anderson, Dr. Krotseng

Chair Sherri Williams called the meeting to order at 11 a.m.

Minutes: A motion was made by Roy Pruett, seconded by John Snead, to approve the minutes of 11/30/12, with the changes of President Sherri Williams to Chair Sherri Williams on page 1; and page 2, omit Julie Kalk on Promotion & Tenure and replace with Sherri Williams. Vote: Unanimous.

Academic Appeals Committee—Jeff Bolton

Jeff reported that most of the appeals this committee has been hearing are those that should not have come to this committee as most are not really “appeal” issues. He also wants to determine what his authority is on this committee, and he will be talking to the Registrar. Both Jeff B and Sherri W will meet with the Registrar on Mon 2/10/13. Sherri asked Jeff to set the appointment up with Ralph Patsel.

Assessment Committee—Tracey Anderson

She is currently trying to implement LiveText. The Deans have agreed to get faculty to select only one class for assessment during the spring 2013 semester. Also, the general studies revisions are going well, and this General Studies Committee will meet again before and after spring break. The Assessment Committee will also work on the administrative assessment instrument. Sherri W asked if they could meet in February to expedite this process.

Budget Committee—Mike Lilly

The Budget Committee will meet on Friday, February 8, and he will then have the budget information to bring to our next Faculty Senate meeting. He reported the college may incur a budget cut of 7.9% as a legislature mandate. Dr. Krotseng said they have reported it will be a 7.5% budget cut. She also stated that if the monies still continue to go into the financial aid programs, the budget cuts may be more. The Policy Commission has set a letter to the Governor concerning this budget cut for higher education.

Professional Development Committee—Sherri W

Sherri W reported that Dr. Picanco is working on the merit pay issue. This committee has not met as of this time.

Promotion & Tenure Committee—Sherri W

This committee will be meeting on Monday, 2/4/13, to work on the new promotion and tenure criteria. The current promotion and tenure guideline will be used for the spring 2013 process. Also, the criteria this committee proposes may not be in affect even for the next year. Sherri W will ask the chair of this committee to go ahead and send the current guidelines to all faculty so those who are applying for a promotion or for tenure will have time to get their applications ready.

Curriculum Committee—Carol Cofer

She reported that met fall 2012 and have no meeting scheduled as of yet for this semester.

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ACF Report—Mike Lilly

- 1) The next meeting will be on Thursday 1/31/13.
- 2) March 27 is higher education day during this legislative session.
- 3) ACT is one group that can lobby the legislators; though, the problem is they have members on the ACF that are from community colleges as well as four-year colleges. Thus, they do not always have the same agenda in the lobbying process.
- 4) Concerns this legislative session are:
 - a. Faculty salary compression
 - b. Budget cut—ACF thinks the State should have a surplus, not a deficit.
 - c. They are working on a 5-year tentative plan for faculty raises; BSC is 15th in ranking for salary raises based on SREB.
 - d. PEIA will be increasing rates for everyone.
 - e. LOCEA is meeting with Senator Plymale as he has made the comment that faculty raises should be local board issues, not legislative.
 - f. Discussion of a new scheme of how colleges are funded in the future, such as the student completion rates. State will be asked to fund colleges based on completion rates and not other ways.

Dr. Krotseng commented that college presidents will meet on 1/31/13 to discuss some major issues. They are concerned about the graduation rates being used to determine funding. This is a concern for BSC as we do well with getting transfer students, but we cannot count them as completers. She said discussion has focused on student outcomes as a funding formula. When she has the information on this issue, she would like the BSC Faculty Senate to review the proposed changes. Tony W inquired as to how we ranked with our tier institutions. She responded we are very low compared to other tiers.

BOG—Norman Mirksy:

- 1) The BOG met on December 13, 2012. Dr. Krotseng gave the board a handout on her first “100 days” as president of BSC.
- 2) Policy 11 was passed—changes made were just cleanup of the language and not much affected BSC Campus with this policy.
- 3) Will meet again on February 21. The BOG Budget Committee will meet prior to the regular meeting.

Follow up of concerns from last Faculty Senate meeting—Sherri W

- 1) University Status—Dr. Krotseng reported that it may take a while to get our faculty to 66% doctorally qualified. HEPC wants to count the doctorates only in the field in which they are qualified to teach. As BSC continues to hire faculty, we need to look at the new hires’ credentials. She has received these guideline clarifications from the Policy Commission and will forward those to Sherri W. Sherri will then forward to Promotion & Tenure Committee since they are work on new promotion/tenure guidelines.

Geoff H inquired as to who makes the call on what doctoral degrees are accepted. Is it some legislator or the accrediting body? Dr. Krotseng asked that each of the Schools forward to her

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any letters from accrediting bodies that have reviewed any professor's credentials. Please forward these to Sherri W, and she will forward to Dr. Krotseng.

- 2) Faculty Handbook—Sherri will send the Faculty Handbook electronically with revisions. Please review and get any suggested changes to her. She will also start sending **ALL** faculty copies of the Faculty Senate minutes.
- 3) Advising Update—She still needs to meet with the CAP Center. Roy Pruett, John Snead, and she will meet with them soon. John S. will schedule the meeting.
- 4) Big Blue Institute—Sherri will make a list of those items that we would like to include in future institutes, especially those items dealing with technology.
- 5) Class Scheduling—Comments on class scheduling are needed by February 1. Norm thinks we should review the proposed scheduling as he has some concerns (EX: meetings on Fridays 2-5).
- 6) Sherri W and Julie K still need to meet with the Registrar's Office. Sherri will schedule the meeting.
- 7) Sherri, using her son Sean as an example, a BSC student, said many issues are "cropping" up for our students and many are technology related. A) Cannot get into the BSC portal; B) Emails are hard to find and are returned; C) Forced to use Microsoft 365 rather than Google; D) Too many technological assignments in classes. Students are having to purchase access codes, etc., and assignments for one classes are located in 2 or 3 locations. She feels our students are on technology overload. Many other faculty also voiced these same concerns.
- 8) The Collegewide Computer Committee members were appointed:
Dr. Krotseng, Sherri Williams, Carol Cofer—Allied Health; Deb Halsey-Hunter--Business; Mike Lilly—Arts & Sciences; Odem Ozyaras—Engineering; Education will need to appoint someone; Darrel Malamisura, Tom Cook, Cody Chambers, Audrey Biggs, and Bill Bennett.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Halsey-Hunter

Dr. Deb Halsey-Hunter, Secretary
BSC Faculty Senate