

Meeting Minutes – BSC Faculty Senate

Location: Google Meet

Date: March 26, 2021

Time: 11:00 am

Attendance:

Mike Lilly, Amanda Matoushek, Amanda Banks, Amanda Quesenberry, Debjani Chakrabarti, D. Arachchi, Vanessa Godfrey, Kelli Sarver, Roy Pruett, James Pruett, Tina Nicholson, Geoff Hunter, Karen Grogan, Bill Bennett, Dr Tamara Ferguson, Rodney Montague, Amy Atwell, Dr. Ted Lewis, Dr. Angela Lambert, Darrel Malamisura; Faculty Senate Chair.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Darrel Malamisura, Faculty Senate Chair at 11:05 am. Roy Pruett moved to accept the minutes, Vanessa Godfrey seconds the motion. The previous minutes were approved, with no corrections.

Committee Reports:

1. **Curriculum:** Will meet next week. There are curriculum proposals for Nursing, Education and Humanities. Only plans to have one more meeting this semester.
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:** Has sent out info for the process. There are 14 applications across the campus. The committee will meet on April 23rd. The various schools must vote on the applicants. Two from business, 4 from nursing, 4 from Arts and Humanities. Deadline for submission is April 1st. If there is a technical issue after April 1st, it can be fixed before school votes.
6. **Faculty Right and Responsibilities:** has not met
7. **Academic Appeals:** Has not met
8. **Enrollment Management Council:** has not met
9. **BOG:** Next meeting is 4/29. Committees will meet on 4/15 and 4/22.
10. **College Council:** Has not met. President must call meeting.
11. **Student Disciplinary Appeals:** Has not met

ACF Report:

Mike Lilly stated that he had distributed a report that he created with 100s of statutes brought up in legislature. There are over 1200 bills that have been introduced. He did some additional research about HB 25945 and SB 618. This is prohibiting divisive concepts and critical race theory from being taught. This is part of a nationwide process from k-12 and including higher education.

There are bills regarding campus carry laws, he does not know if this is for students or faculty. Every college in the state has filed its objections, even WVU.

The question was asked about HB 2831. Currently, the bill is stuck in committee. This bill is to give Concord University funding to start a nursing program.

One of the other bills being discussed is expanding the Promise Scholarship programs to AS degrees. The bill states adding community colleges to the scholarship program.

The bill to merge Fairmont State and Pierpont Community College has now passed in both houses. Roy Pruett states that he had been told that Fairmont State decided they did not want to do this merger.

There is a "3rd option" for teacher education which will allow anyone with a BS degree to become a fulltime teacher of K-12. Angela Lambert states that you must also pass a basic Praxis exam.

Mike Lilly stated that Criminal Justice program will be developing an AS degree for the college. This is the first time they are offering an AS degree since 2004. He said that administration was the one requesting the two-year degree.

There have been a lot of discussion of budget issues. WV has a fairly high soft drink tax which exclusively funds the WV School of Medicine. There have been bills written to direct these funds to somewhere else.

New Business:

Currently, there is no new business.

Old Business:

Rodney Montague stated that the honors cottages are set to open this fall. The latest count that was given is 7 who have committed.

Dr. Ted Lewis: He states that he just left the applications meeting for the dorms. It is just about completed. The application process should be live in the next few weeks. He has developed subcommittees to assist with the meal plans, choosing the RAs, choosing the RDs and what the student Code of Conduct will be. Darrel asked when the cafeteria will be open at the hospital. Ted states that it will be ready by August 1st. Aramark will be managing the cafeteria and faculty will be able to purchase meal plans. The price of each meal will be \$9. The cafeteria will be located on the second floor and any outside visitor will be able to dine there. Rodney also asked about security for students and those at the PCH Bluefield facility. Dr. Lewis stated that to enter the 3rd and 4th floor, which are the residence halls, you must have a key. Anyone that does not have a key will not be permitted. The areas that have equipment, such as Rad Tech and Nursing, will be secured.

Rodney asked about the status on the Big Blue Brew. Dr. Lewis says that it is still in the process.

Mike Lilly asked about the status of Heritage Village. Dr. Lewis says that the anticipated completion date will be 10/21 and students can begin occupying the building in January.

Debjani Chakrabarti asked Dr. Lewis if the potholes on the campus were going to be fixed. He states that they are currently being fixed. That department does not fall under him, but he can inquire.

He reminded the faculty senate about the governor mandate for covid testing. 10% of the student population will receive an email each week to be tested. This is a mandatory test and if the student does not get tested, they will not be permitted on campus. This is an unexcused absence and is not considered as a quarantine. Thursday is designated as the testing day for

Beckley. Faculty can't be notified who has received emails or who is not allowed on campus for noncompliance.

Dr. Lewis said the health center was hopeful to provide vaccines to all students. The college found out that they would not receive extra doses of the vaccine to administer to all students at the college. He stated that today, 3/26 was the last day for second doses of the vaccine, they would not be administering anymore for the semester.

Graduation will be on May 2nd at 3pm, which is a Sunday. The reason they could not get May 1st is because Graham High School has first choice on the stadium if they are in the state championship. Last week, the stadium was made available to the college for May 1st. Some schools had already made plans for the Saturday, so the college stayed with the May 2nd date. There will be the same screening/safety precautions as last year. They have improved the process for easier entrance.

Dr. Lewis, along with Dr. Tammy Ferguson, have been participating in the HLC Persistence and Completion Academy. He plans to make this information public. It includes the retention numbers for the college. Dr. Ferguson feels that the college is in a good place with our efforts.

The HLC Annual Conference will be the week of April 5th. The Basic Auditorium has been reserved for those that would like to participate in the livestreaming. Due to the registration process, the links can't be sent out to individuals. After the completion of the conference, there will be a college-wide debriefing.

He wants to thank the 23 faculty members that have agreed to be on the General Education committee. This committee is to address the new policy created by the BOG. The new classes are to be a part of the gen ed curriculum by fall 2022.

HLC Criteria 1A asks if the mission statement is widely distributed throughout the campus. The recommendation was made that the mission statement be included in all faculty syllabi. Darrel asked for a copy of the mission statement when it is ready to be placed in the syllabi. There will not be any changes to the mission statement at this time.

Closed Session:

Darrel asked for a motion to go into a closed session. This was made by Roy Pruett, Rodney Montague seconds the motion.

At this time with no other issues, Roy Pruett made a motion to adjourn. Rodney Montague seconds the motion. All were in favor, no one opposed. Meeting adjourned at 1:36 pm.

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