

Minutes
Faculty Senate Meeting
Friday, October 5, 2012
3 p.m. Mahood Conference Room 118

Present: Norman Mirsky, Julie Kalk, John Snead, Terene Stiltner, Darrell Thompson, Vanessa Godfrey, Cheryl Winter, Jeff Bolton, Adem Ozyara, Sherri Williams, Deb Halsey-Hunter, Mike Lilly

Absent: Tony Woart, Albert Berkoh, Geoff Hunter, Sheila Sargent-Martin, Carol Cofer, Erik Baldwin, Roy Pruett

President Sherri Williams called the meeting to order at 3 p.m.

Sherri discussed the meeting that she, Roy P, and Deb H had with Dr. Krotseng and Dr. Jones. Sherri distributed an email that Dr. Krotseng had sent to this executive committee which stated that “we” had identified a number of common issues that we all agreed were very important to the continued success of BSC. This executive committee will meet with her and Dr. Jones on a monthly basis. Faculty Senate members still expressed concern about what the plan referred to in the email really entailed.

Minutes: A motion was made by Norm M, seconded by Darrell T, to approve the minutes of 9/21/12, with the correction of page 1, #8, omit the second “the”. Vote: Unanimous.

Sherri gave a handout of the Faculty Senate agenda. She discussed that the current faculty constitution was updated 2011; though most of those changes were cosmetic. She wants us to look at pages 1-44 to see what changes need to be made.

Assessment Committee—Sherri reported that she approached this committee last year to tackle the evaluation of administrators. They did not feel this was under the jurisdiction of this committee to do anything with it. Mike L explained there are two college wide assessment committees—one is the assessment committee that has been in place all along to deal with assessment issues; the new committee was formed to look at general studies. The question is who does have the authority to work on the evaluation instrument for administrators. Norm M said that indeed the Assessment Committee does have the responsibility to do this. The next Assessment Committee meeting will be on Wednesday, 10/10/12.

Motion: Mike L made a motion to ask the Assessment Committee to take on the task of the administrator evaluation instrument. Seconded by Deb H. Vote: Unanimous. Sherri will communicate this to the committee.

Budget Planning Committee—Mike L reported this committee will be looking at budget priorities from the faculty and the cost of the two online teaching platforms.

Professional Development Committee—Luciano Picanco, chair, is currently working on items.

Promotion & Tenure Committee—This committee will be looking at post-tenure process. John S asked why we were having this committee look at a post-tenure process as we are not a university. We should ask Dr. Jones where the money is coming from once we gain university status. Several members present

felt we should be asking the question of whether we want to become a university or not. An idea was to poll the faculty/staff to see what they desired. Norm M reported that the current BOG is adamant about BSC reaching university status.

Rights & Privileges Committee—This committee rarely meets. Sherri had suggested that this committee be charged with devising an orientation plan—specifically, what do faculty want in a student orientation plan? John S said the current constitution notes that this particular committee isn't charged with this responsibility and that an ad hoc should be appointed if we wanted this item developed.

ACF Report—Mike L reported that FACDIS meeting will be in Morgantown on November 8-9. Also, Chancellor Hill had requested ACF to come up with a 5-year plan for faculty raises. This was voted and approved on October 10 and will be presented to the legislature. BSC is currently last in the state in the ranking of faculty salaries. ACF is also looking at faculty salary compression/salary equity.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Halsey-Hunter

Dr. Deb Halsey-Hunter, Secretary
BSC Faculty Senate