



Faculty Assembly Executive Committee

Meeting Minutes 3-29-24

Members Present: Julie Orr, Michelle Taylor, Amanda Matoushek, Vanessa Godfrey, Darrel Malamisura, Roy Pruett, Erik Baldwin, Vincent Mateescu, Betty Nash and Rodney Montague

Members Absent: Scott Rasnick, and Tesfaye Belay

Call to Order: Julie called the meeting to order at 11:03 am

Discussion of Previous Minutes: There were no suggestions for changes so the minutes from the previous meeting were approved. Roy Pruett made the motion to approve and Darrel seconded the motion.

Old Business: Julie gave an update on the 3 revisions of the by-laws that were made in the Feb 15th FAEC meeting. They were approved by Faculty at the March 1st meeting. They could not be sent to go on the agenda for the March 17th meeting in time As a result, the changes will be reviewed during the April BOG meeting. All necessary materials were sent to Jeanne Moricle.

The revisions allowed the Directors and Chairs to be voting members, Removal of the phrase that states we have to consult with the President before creating an agenda, the third one is to remove the criteria that any changes to the by-laws have to be approved by the President and BOG.

Discussion of how the process will happen. We agreed that these revisions, eventually should be made into a policy but not until we have looked more into the By-laws and revise what we feel needs revised prior to making a policy. Understanding, that there are some things that will change through time but there are fundamental items that will remain as a baseline.

Updates on Housekeeping: We have not heard any updates as of yet other than the Housekeeping contract has been placed out to bid. Betty suggested we should ask for an update and when decisions are going to be made on this situation. Amanda also shared that she learned there are many employees that are Saunders staffing and not actual BSU. So we should ask Ron Hypes for a cumulative list of all Saunders employees. Rodney Suggested since these employees are technically staff, perhaps Staff council should approach this subject as well. These employees are not represented by Staff council so they have no representation on campus. The Chair of Staff Council will be contacted to join in this conversation at the next FA meeting. Darrel also suggested that at least once a year we invite a student rep. to give reports of concerns from students.

Security on Campus: July 1st, will be here very soon. As of yet, we have heard nothing related to Campus Security and/ or any policies on the concealed campus carry law. Faculty feel there needs to be a committee of Faculty, staff and administration working together to develop this policy. Sooner rather than later. Vanessa did hear that some employees have already received their hang tags and their cars are registered. No notifications have been sent out to get this done. No faculty has received any notifications of this process. There are concerns related to classes, the MEC, and also afterhours events

to include but not limited to athletic events. We need detailed information of exactly what the procedures and policies are going to be. How and when will doors be locked? Julie will email Brent Benjamin and Ron Hypes our questions and concerns. We do not have an ability to technically “lock down” a building in the case of an event that would warrant such. These are going on the agenda for FA next week.

New Business: There are a few items that President Martin has brought up he would like to address the following topics as university-wide policies. We have not been tasked to develop these policies as of yet, but we are just being given a “heads up” that these may be coming down the pipe soon.

The topics are: Campus wide Cell phone/ electronics policy, Residential students needing to attend In-Seat classes, and an Attendance policy for all students (referring to the Old Policy). Additionally, a policy of granting extensions on tests and assignments would be helpful to support Faculty decisions on these situations. It was discussed that James Quesenberry could be invited to hear the concerns related to Athletics at our FAEC meeting even though he is invited to attend FA meetings to hear concerns.

Much Discussion took place concerning advising issues and students at times not being put in classes in the correct semesters, which can potentially place them a year behind in their course of study. Many have had issues with Banner advisee list not matching the list that Cravor has. Faculty would like to have contact and advising opportunities with students beginning their first semester. Michelle suggested we bring this up in the FA meeting and feel like this will help with retention.

Other Business: Amanda mentioned that we should publicly announce these meetings because they should be open meetings. Also, we need to make sure that our Faculty BOG Rep. (Jack Sheffler) be present at these meetings to hear the faculty concerns that may need to be presented at BOG meetings.

Michelle mentioned perhaps we should review the FOY criteria in future revisions. To include all faculty and all situations.

Faculty of the year Elections: There were 4 faculty members nominated for the award. Three of them are FAEC members. They removed themselves immediately from the meeting. Rodney Montague took over the meeting and monitored the voting process. It was a private paper ballot that Darrel and Rodney counted. The two persons that were on the meeting virtually, sent an individual email to Rodney to have their vote counted. Once the Vote was counted Rodney will have Vanessa send the information to the appropriate administrators to prepare the award to be presented at the commencement ceremony.

Adjournment: With No further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted By Vanessa Godfrey- FAEC Secretary.