



Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

3/7/25

Attendees: Darrel Malamisura, Rod Montague, Amanda Matoushek, Vincent Mateescu, Kristen Hicks, Julie Orr, Betty Nash, David Balock, Jack Sheffler, Roy Pruett, Sarita Rhonemus

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 11:07.

Approval of Minutes: Kristen motioned to approve minutes, Betty seconded, all approved.

BOG Subcommittees: Yesterday Darrel went to BOG subcommittees – Distinguished Prof. – they are happy it is moving forward. Still waiting for specifics on incentive for distinguished prof. review. Heavy discussion on the immunization policy – Bill Cole questioned why we are having a policy; thinks we don't need one. May be a lot of discussion on this at the BOG meeting.

Security: Darrel thinks security contract is in limbo. Pres. Martin has talked to Cecil Marsden about putting in a police substation at the MEC. Julie said they have had good experiences with security at MEC. Rodney indicated he does not see any security on campus in the evenings. We still don't have an emergency evacuation plan from Brent Benjamin. Jack said we should have an active shooter training every semester. Darrel said we still don't know where to go for a fire drill.

Upward evaluations: Admins. seem to want to do it, just need to come up with a process for it. We need to revisit to see if the survey needs to be tweaked and decide how often we need to do it. There was a committee DC that developed an eval. Sarita thinks we need to start over.

Master Calendar: We need a list of dates (or ranges) when things need to be done on campus (evaluations, P&T, etc)

HLC visit update from Sarita – Chair will get back to Sarita end of week. Will be sending info on who they want to meet with. Sarita doesn't have any doubt we will be successful.

Campus beautification: Betty said SGA has decided on Earth Day to do a campus cleanup. Groups will adopt each building. Maintenance will bring mulch and garbage bags. Hopefully we can purchase some perennials. Hoping to have free pizza in student union for those that participate. Let Betty know if we have suggestions for plants/shrubs/etc. Sara Roberson can help with suggesting indigenous plants. Jack has planted some things that got sprayed and killed. In budget Committee Cynthia said part of the problem with the plants is we have a 3rd party vendor that cuts the grass every 10 days – they sometimes destroy things that are planted. Brings up concerns about using 3rd parties instead of in-house people.

Housekeeping: Julie says they are still having problems at the MEC. Floors were filthy. She contacted Chuck McGonagle; he is supposed to be looking into it. Students are wiping down desks and tables, Julie is sweeping. Is there a list of things to be cleaned with a schedule? We would like to see the contract. Betty suggested we create a list of things we need from housekeeping. Need to make admin aware that Anna, Melissa, Rita, and Rachel are aware of needs and go above and beyond to make sure everything is cleaned and sanitized. We need to make a push to make these folks in house. Encouraged people to get added to the BOG agenda to speak. Rumor that the person that cleans the dorms has recently quit.

Heritage Hole: Darrel and Jack have not heard anything other than we don't have money. Jack says dorm should come from State money. Darrel says we shouldn't look for anything like that to come from the State because they are in a financial hole too. Not sure if Cynthia is interim or if there will be a search for CFO. Going to urge Pres. Martin to have budget numbers put on tile in myBSU so we can all see it.

Access to listservs: We don't have access to specific categories of emails. Can't send anything to general faculty. Need to get certain leaders on campus to have access to at least their members listserve. Time sensitive things can't wait for Karen Gordon to send out.

Committee Reports: Cynthia says Budget committee has a meeting scheduled. Sarita needs to call first meeting for most of the committees.

New Business: MBA – Sarita said we have 20 applicants that are “unverified” in the MBA. Interest cards are being used to put people in the system as applicants without any actual application. MBA went 2 8-week sessions with no applicants. Dean can't get information. MBA director is not allowed to come into building anymore.

Someone else is handling the data that is needed because they can't get information out of the director.

Online programs: mining engineering, teacher ed (special ed), BSN. Haven't heard anything about when will move to BSU online (online College). Rod asked if any of this has been field tested. Darrel says that is part of doing this in phases to see if it works in small increments. Concern about the user experience from not having back-office issues lined out – need communication between each other and with admin, no accountability if they screw up. Darrin and Sarita have ensured that they are going to hold the depts feet to the fire.

Vincent was on Outlook and was asked to authenticate multiple times and couldn't get in. Jack had the same issue. Darrel says moving from one app or tab to another will make you authenticate again, or it could be timing out. Checking the box to not authenticate again for 30 days often does not work.

Adjournment: Amanda motioned to adjourn at 12:33, Vincent seconded. All in favor.