



## Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

April 10, 2026

### Meeting Start time: 11:00 am

**Attendance:** Darrel Malamisura, Betty Nash, Dharshana Arachchi, Vincent Mateescu, Vanessa Godfrey, David Balok, Rodney Montague, Julie Orr, Albert Berkoh, Amanda Matoushek, Sarita Rhonemus, and President Martin

**Approval of Minutes:** Betty Nash made a motion to approve the previous minutes, Vanessa seconded. All were in favor with none opposed. Minutes were approved.

**Provost's report:** Emails were sent out to all with the schedule for HLC visit. Also, she will send out a list of who is welcome to attend each session for clarifications. All senators should attend the Faculty Senate meeting.

**President's Report:** BSU is in the process of two renovations (in the initial planning process). One for Building I on the Dorm campus to build out more dorm space for new freshman students. The other is to renovate the library to modernize it and make it a hub for student and faculty learning. He assured us that the money used for this is coming from grants and various donors that can't be used for any types of salaries.

Graduation is coming up, he will be sending out a letter/ reminder that faculty are required to attend. There will not be a speaker. The Valedictorians will be asked to prepare a short speech for the ceremony instead.

**Old Business:** Kristin is working on getting the committee together to start editing of the handbook and also to work on a SOP manual to keep it live and updated. For example: The process of interviewees and how or if they are reimbursed was confusing and no one could specify for sure what the process was. It is our hopes by fixing the SOP manual, everyone will be able to reference the process without confusion.

**Senate Officer Elections:** After opening elections for an extra week, there were no additional nominations that were Current Senators per the Constitution. As a result, Darrel will remain the Chair, Julie will remain the Vice- Chair, Kristin is still in the Parliamentarian (her tenure was not up for re-election). And Vincent will be the New Secretary starting July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026.

**Moodle Template for faculty evaluations to be uploaded:** Darrel doesn't think Cody has that finished yet, he wants to email Sarita to ask about following up on the completion of the shell. Sarita had to leave the meeting.

**P&T committee:** Progress is being made and the information went out to faculty that wish to apply for promotion.

**Safety & Security Committee:** Will be meeting once every 2 weeks. There is still talk of going through training but so far there has only been the short video to watch.

**RSI Committee:** There are some things that are being worked on. No specifics or details provided.

**Motion for Executive Session related to communications:** Julie motioned and Vanessa Seconded. All recordings were stopped during the Executive Session.

**A Motion to come out of Executive Session was made by Vanessa and seconded by Kristin. All were in favor.**

**After coming out of Executive Session, with no further business to discuss, Rodney made a motion to end the meeting and Kristin seconded. All were in favor. Meeting ended at 12:34 pm.**