



Faculty Senate Meeting

Minutes

May 2nd 2025, 11:00 am

Attendees: Darrel Malamisura, Vanessa Godfrey, Amanda Matoushek, Julie Orr, Kristin Hicks, Jack Sheffler, Betty Nash, Roy Pruett, Vincent Mateescu, Rodney Montague, David Balok, Albert Berkoh, President Darrin Martin, and Provost Sarita Rhonemus.

Approval of Minutes: Roy made a motion to approve the previous minutes as submitted and Amanda Seconded the motion. All were in favor with no objections or abstentions. Minutes were approved with no corrections.

Committee Reports:

Promotion and Tenure: The policy was released but only gave faculty 3 weeks to complete the process. There needs to be a conscious effort to get this out in the future at the beginning of the semester. Comments were received related to the new form being a much smoother process. One item to note is the faculty must be logged into the Google School Profile not their personal Google Profile.

No other committee report to share:

HB 3279: Amanda received an email from Brent Benjamin that the bill passed, so at this point the Faculty, Staff and Student Reps. no longer have a vote on the BOG.

President's Update: There are plans to have more events to allow fellowship between faculty staff and the cabinet. He promised that there will be enough chairs this year for all faculty to sit on the floor for graduation 2025 at the Armory.

Registration numbers are climbing for Fall 2025 and moving in the right direction. We are having a major push to non- registered returning students to get a better idea of how many students we will have. Mercer County Days is in the planning process.

Old Business:

Title IX. We are in the process of being trained and fixing all the information we need and to fix the items that we need to update.

Vanessa Asked about the status of **Faculty Emeritus** and the policy on this. The President has asked Dr. Rhonemus to find the policy to make sure it is being followed and hopefully by next week there can be an update on Emeritus awardees.

Darrel asked about any updates on the **Distinguished faculty and PTR incentives**. Being worked on and hopefully this will be soon. The budget has to be evaluated and a fair process to determine the amount.

Security Update: No new security updates. Criminal Justice students will be issuing parking tickets on campus as part of their program/ internship.

We also have issues with visitors/ students not obeying the No smoking signs thus not respecting our campus.

Upward Evaluations: This was only mentioned on May 1st. Plans to work on this during the summer after we get this semester under our belt.

Access to ListSrvs. The president sent out the request to inquire if this is possible. He has not received a response.

Master Calendar: This is a Dr. Rhonemus question. She will need to address this.

HLC report: At this time, she has not received anything.

New Business:

We need to replace **our BOG Rep.** due to Jack's time being up. We need nominations to take a vote. Manda nominated Jack for a second term, Vanessa Seconded the nominations. Julie made a motion to close the nominations, and Rodney seconded the motion. All were in favor of closing the nominations. Jack will take the second term as Faculty Rep of the BOG for the 25-26 year.

Rodney brought up that the Government is taking away the **Grievance Procedure for all State Employees**. He asked about how this would affect employees at BSU. The President was unaware, and will look into this.

Amanda stated **HB 3279** also changed the length of time that Faculty, Staff and Student members could serve on the BOG. Changed from 2 yr. terms with the ability to serve 2 terms to now only allowing a 1 yr. term with the ability to serve 2 terms. (Noted that the government appointed members are allowed 4 yr. terms and 2 terms. (8 years).

Vincent Mateescu: Brought up issues of **incorrect course pre-reqs.** for courses in banner that causes issues with registration. Math 109, and Biol 101 and some other courses are a main issue.

Sarita stated that **ACT & SAT scores** are now being required by the state for all admitted students. Not all faculty were aware of the requirement. Sarita has asked for a list of courses that we believe need evaluated. Also, there seems to be a problem with our system recognizing transfer courses properly which may add to the problem. Banner and the catalog do not match always. This needs to be evaluated.

Athletics Registration Day: This will not happen this year. They are looking into having designated days for seniors, juniors, and sophomores etc. next year.

Faculty and **Shortages conflicting with accrediting bodies:** There is a concern with faculty shortages lending to violations in accreditation standards for certain degrees.

Question: No One has been asked to be the ushers for graduation as of yet. Who will be doing it? No one has any answers at this time for this question.

Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss, Amanda made the motion to adjourn and Julie Seconded the motion with all in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 11:53 am.