Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

October 10, 2025

Meeting Start time: 11:00 am

Attendance: Vanessa Godfrey, Darrel Malamisura, Amanda Matoushek, Betty Nash, President Martin, Dharshana Arachchi, Kristin Hicks, Vincent Matoushek, and Albert Berkoh.

Open Discussion: Prior to the official call to order, there was in depth discussion related to the safety of our students and the placement of them at the hotel as a substitution for a dorm room that they paid for.

The second topic of discussion was related to Post Tenure Review incentive that was proposed by the BOG. Faculty rejected the minimal amount that was offered and are requesting the statement of "no punitive" measures be placed in writing by the Board.

Call to Order took place at 11:24 am when quorum was met. Kristin made a motion to approve the previous minutes. Vanessa seconded the motion. All were in favor none opposed.

New Business: Question or concerns on whether the coaches are still promising to buy their athletes books for them 6 weeks into the semester. This is what students are telling some faculty.

Issues of students still on banner rosters after dropping a course, or were not ever verified by faculty as attending.

Trouble getting the faculty handbook on a tile in the myBSU section. There was some confusion as to who does this and who Darrel should send this to. It is not Charles Harris. It goes to someone with last name of Calfee. No one was really aware of this person. (Lack of Communication).

President Martin Comments- The President did not have any specific comments but will respond to any questions that arise during the meeting.

Books and Athletes: The President was informed of the issue of some athletes not having books well into the semester and coaches promising to buy their books. The President acknowledged he was aware of a couple of instances of this being an issue where student couldn't afford the book and then the coach purchased the book. He also was aware of this being a problem last semester. He stated he will discuss with Cynthia and Tammy Martin to come up with a plan to remedy this issue. Also, he mentioned checking to see how the cost of books can be included in the student's bill. There were several suggestions of how the problem could be rectified or at least flagged early in the semester so the student doesn't get behind beyond being able to catch up.

Betty Nash suggested we should have a person that checks in with faculty and the student athlete on their progress in their courses and communicates to them that if they are doing their part, they will no longer be on the team. She stated this is done at higher ed institutions.

FAR position: Amanda pointed out that we currently do not have a Faculty Athletic Representative since James Quesenberry resigned the position. A few people have been asked to fill the position and no one has agreed to do this. It is to be noted that there is no pay incentive to take on the extra responsibility.

Early Registration: There are going to be specific days and times set for specific groups to come to the library for early registration. This will be done by department/school categories. The deans have the schedule to share with their employees.

Dropping Students: Students that are not attending classes or logging into their courses online, should be dropped from the course. Some faculty still feel they should have the right to be able to drop the student themselves.

Concerns for Students staying at the Hotel and Transportation and meal issues for those students: There were multiple issues discussed related to the situation our students have been placed in by being housed at the Hotel instead of dorms. Using City Bus transportation is undependable and they do not have ready access to the meals they pre-purchased in their meal plans. The President stated they are working with Public-Private Partnerships to try to get housing in the area near the student center. He also stated that once the cottages were complete with the renovations, the students from the Hotel would be placed in the cottages, not necessarily the Honors college students.

Organizational Chart: There have been multiple changes in positions and personnel in the administrative sector and it was mentioned that the org chart may not be up to date as to employee's names and job duties. This should be updated and assured to be correct. Is this the responsibility of HR?

Strategic Plan: The strategic plan is finished and will soon be out for thirty- day comment. It is important to have this done and completed for the HLC visit.

Adjournment: With no further business to discuss, Vanessa made a motion to adjourn and Kristen seconded the motion. All were in favor with none opposed. Meeting was adjourned at 12:21 pm.