



Faculty Senate

Meeting Minutes

June 18, 2025

Meeting Start time: 11:00 am

Members Present: Darrel Malamisura, Julie Orr, Amanda Matoushek, Vanessa Godfrey, Kristin Hicks, Vincent Mateescu, Rodney Montague, David Balok, Roy Pruett, Jack Sheffler, and Scott Rasnake. (No Administrative Personnel were present for updates.)

Old Business: The minutes from May 16th were not available for approval. We will approve minutes from May and June in the August meeting.

The Following Items are listed as Old Business of concern from the Senate with no new updates:

Post Tenure Review incentives/ process

Campus- Wide Security

Upward Evaluations- Provost is still working on this

Targeted groups for List Servs when sending messages

A live Master Calendar- still being worked on

A master schedule - Deans are working on this.

Reminder: HLC Visit- April 16th, 2026.

New Business:

A-I policy update- No current update.

Faculty Emeritus- The ball was kind of dropped on this from admin this year. Hopefully will get the process and specific dates set in stone so it does not get overlooked anymore.

Pre- Requisite updates- Required ACT/SAT scores have been reinstated. As a result, if the student does not meet the required score, they can take the Accuplacer or be placed in the "L" courses for Math and English.

There is still a suggestion to have athletes come to their specific schools for focused registration but not for Fall '25 registration; possibly Fall '26.

Institutional Effectiveness and Research Position: We do not currently have a specific person to do this. Some faculty had the understanding that the New University Retention Specialist position was told in interviews that these duties would be part of the job (but it was not advertised in the job description). This cannot be confirmed.

The New University Retention Specialist and the Director of Housing have been hired and will start in their positions on July 7th.

Program Review Policy: Darrel had a discussion with the Provost regarding confusion on who needed to sign programmatic change approvals. If programmatic changes only affect their specific department then signatures from other parties should not be required. However, if the changes affect other schools then signatures from those areas are also needed.

Faculty Handbook: Amanda is working on the Faculty Handbook and the Program Review Policy forms should be included in the handbook.

Faculty of the Year: Vanessa recommended that we develop a process for the Faculty of the year award to better refine the nomination/ voting process and who has input. Also, specific dates should be listed for the start of the nomination. Vanessa made a motion for Senate to develop a process for FOY nominations and voting. Roy seconded the motion. All were in favor with none opposed and no abstentions. Vanessa will develop a rough draft of the procedure and send out to Senate Members for revisions/suggestions for improvement prior to it going into the handbook.

Posting of Director of Advancement and Advance services for the Foundation: The university is struggling to finding applicants, the BOG suggested that perhaps the applicant be given a commission from the foundation to help compensate their salary. However, the legality of this is being looked into prior to a commitment.

Class Enrollment Cutoff Numbers: Apparently administration has stated the cut-off number to run a class for lower level classes will be set at 10 and anything less would have the class cancelled. The number for upper level classes would be set at 8. There was in-depth discussion of the negative impact this would have on student's ability to graduate on time or the student's desire to remain at BSU. Also, the work load that may increase for faculty is a concern. It is the suggestion of the Senate for BSU to have a set master schedule in place first before jumping into class mandates such as this. The problems this may cause with courses that have online and face to face sections together are quite convoluted.

In relation to this policy, Deans have been given a form for the calculating of Faculty load/ overload per each semester. Once again, there are great concerns on the form. Darrel is supposed to have a meeting/ discussion with President Martin related to Senate's concerns.

Other Business: It was shared as informational that we currently have 351 student athletes registered for Fall. The goal was to have 400; so, we are close. As part of this information, it was shared that our New Athletic Director, along with President Martin, has mandated student athletes must be registered for 15 cr. hrs. and 9 of those must be in face-to-face courses. Faculty Senate does not disagree with this policy; however, we do recognize that BSU simply does not have the in-seat classes available nor a master schedule to be able to achieve this mandate for most students much less 350 athletes. It was shared that the Athletic Compliance officer was making changes to schedules of the athletes that do not have 15 cr. hrs. This is a concern of which courses they are being put in? If they are not in the degree plan of study, financial aid will not pay for them. Shouldn't the student's Faculty Advisor be consulted or included in these changes?

A positive update is that Coaches will have access to and be included in the CRM advise alerts and communications.

Reminder of BOG meeting on June 19th at 4pm.

Meeting End: With no further business to discuss, Roy made a motion to adjourn and Rodney seconded the motion with all in favor and none opposed.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15pm.