



General Faculty

Meeting Minutes

3/28/2025 11:00 am

Attendance: Darrel Malamisura, Julie Orr, Amanda Matoushek, Vanessa Godfrey, Betty Nash, Darshani Ararachi, Brittany Anderson, Vincent Mateescu, Sarah Crews, Ainur Kenhetayeva, Jeff Yaeger, Bonnie Reece, Kristin Hogan, Tina Nicholson, Ashish Patel, Thomas Russell, Roy Pruett, Shelia Sargent- Martin, Terene Stiltner, Angela Lambert, Jack Sheffler, and Sarita Rhonemus.

Provost Report: *HLC meetings;* Sarita gave a shout out to those participating in HLC forums- It seemed to go well. She is not sure of the timeline of the report coming back to us. We will be having our comprehensive site visit this time next year.

Responses to previous faculty inquiries; Related to housekeeping and contracts the faculty asked for a comparative cost analysis. Dr. Martin said he would check into this information.

“Heritage Hole”; Currently there are no plans to do anything with this area.

Admissions process; Cody Chambers and Josh Grubb are planning to work on the forms and processes to make them more automated in the electronic format. This is a goal to be in place by Fall 2025 semester. The current model requires you to have a user ID and password to fill out an application for BSU. Many times, these are not captured if not done in the correct manner. We lose potential students with this model.

Security Update; Sarita stated that contact numbers have been sent out. No faculty have seen that announcement. Faculty expressed a need for one number that can be forwarded automatically to the security officer that is on shift. This number needs to be posted on doors and walls all over campus as well.

Incentives for Post Tenure Review; This is budget dependent and no incentives have been discussed as of yet.

Upward Evaluations; There has been no discussion from administration related to upward evaluations.

Other Business: Julie and Angie thanked everyone who attended the Open House at the MEC. It had a great turnout.

Security Concern: Today (3-28) at 10:00 am 5 students were parked in faculty parking at the School of Business. Could not reach security. There was no response. Also, a former employee who was banned from campus was in the building unsupervised without security. It was also reported that one of our legal counsel handed the banned employee a complaint file that had faculty names listed in it. This could lend itself to a lawsuit. The evacuation Plan has still not been developed or released as well.

The House Bill that would remove voting rights of Faculty, Staff and Student reps is still a huge concern related to no shared governance. President Martin has advised us to wait to see what the Senate does with the bill. Faculty are not completely comfortable with waiting.

There is no current news on the Provost Position Hire.

There is a proposal from the President that anyone living within a 50-mile radius of the University be encouraged to take in-seat classes. There was much discussion as to how this may limit adult learners or students with specific needs. Additionally, there will need to be more faculty to handle the in-seat teaching load.

Betty stated that SGA is sponsoring a campus cleanup on April 22nd, they are also asking for volunteers to help with picking up trash and spreading mulch that day. The mulch is being provided by the University. Anyone willing to do so should contact her.

There is a need for a calendar of events to be posted on our webpage. Terene stated there was an event held on campus on the evening of the 27th and no one including education department was even aware it was taking place. This is poor communication.

Amanda mentioned we need to send out the faculty of the year form for voting. The nominations are to be sent to Vanessa once the guidelines are sent out.

Discussion on Quorum- Quorum is usually 1 person over half. Our constitution does not specifically state the guidelines for this. Another problem we have is that we cannot get an accurate number of faculty to base this number on. Sarita stated that she believed we have 62 full-time faculty currently. The constitution needs to be amended to include the criteria for a quorum.

Our New Director of the MBA program is Tabitha Young.

Adjournment: With a motion to end the meeting by Roy Pruett, and a second by Amanda Matoushek the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm.