

General Faculty Assembly Meeting

Minutes 9/26/2025 3pm

Present: Darrel Malamisura, Julie Orr, Vanessa Godfrey, Kristin Hicks, Thomas Russell, Young Kim, Shelia Sargent- Martin, Terene Stiltner, Darrell Thompson, Ashish Patel, Vincent Mateescu, Bonnie Reese, Tara Mullins, Josh Grubb, President Martin, Provost Rhonemus, Charlie Chen, Alishia Anderson, Ainur Kenzhetayeva, Bill Bennett, Karen Grogan, Sudhakar Jamkhandi, Jack Sheffler, Rodney Montague, Amanda Matoushek, William Teng.

Call to order: Darrel Called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm

Discussion of Minutes: No comments or changes were presented. Vanessa Godfrey made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting and Dr. Jamkhandi seconded it. All were in favor with none opposed.

President's report: Thanked all faculty for the good start of the semester. He also expressed his appreciation on the success of the inauguration and the benefit to the University it provided. Enrollment is up. Our goal is to try to retain that enrollment. The University is in the process of hiring an interim "gift officer" to solicit donors and prospects to support the institution financially. The mining foundation dinner was successful. Randy Price suggested to have the same type thing for Nursing. It is in the plans to do this for Nursing as well. House and Senate Aide are meeting on Nov. 2nd at Pipestem. BSU is invited to present. Also, on Nov. 3rd a group of them will be on campus to see Teacher Ed., Allied Health, and Engineering and STEM. The Deans have been asked to organize some hands-on activities and/ or presentations that day.

Class schedule changes have been successful as to getting more students on campus and slowly getting back to the previous days of campus life.

Vanessa asked for updates on the second phase of construction at the MEC. The President responded that a contractor has been picked as of this past week. But nothing has actually began yet.

The President also announced that there has been a proposal for Incentive on Post Tenure review.

Provost's report: Lengthy Discussion of cleaning up the Webpage for Assembly/ Senate to make it more clear. Darrel will be meeting with Charles next week to get this more organized. Sarita Thanked the faculty as well for all their efforts. HLC prep and planning committee are meeting and anyone is invited to attend these meetings. A team of 5 will be here on April 13 and 14 for a comprehensive visit.

Live Text is soon over. But another program is being uploaded and is ready for rubrics to be uploaded from the Deans and Faculty. The assessment program will be imbedded into the courses in MOODLE.

The program is called Student Learning and Licensure Software. ILO's are also uploaded. Additionally, every student will have an e-portfolio.

BOG report: No report.

Old Business: Post Tenure Review Incentive was discussed with all faculty present including the details of what was discussed in the Senate Meeting. All faculty in the meeting (22) voted to decline the incentive offered for the PTR.

Darrel filled everyone in on the Master Calendar and Schedule, hiring shortages, Delays in Financial Aid Processing, Faculty Handbook posting, and the Institutional Effectiveness and Research position. All the detailed information on these topics are in the Senate Minutes from the 11am meeting of this same date. The faculty are encouraged to review these minutes.

Faculty are encouraged to use the Alert system for students that are not performing successfully in their courses. And it is now that the information is forwarded to the AD if the student is an athlete.

New Business: Nominations for University Council faculty representatives were Vincent Mateescu and Rodney Montague. Both accepted.

Dr. Jankhandi announced that on Nov. 19th there will be a Christmas Dinner in the Student Center from 11m – 12 Noon. The Turkey and Dressing will be provided from Aramark. The rest will be a potluck lunch. There will be music and Christmas Carols. Alumni is also invited.

It was brought up again, the concern of no Emergency plan for this campus. The President stated that Brent Benjamin is working on this. But we do have a alarm system through loud speakers on campus that is operational.

Adjournment: With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by Darrel making the first motion and then seconded by Bonnie at 4:00 pm.