



General Faculty Meeting Minutes

February 28th, 2025

11:00 am

Present: Darrel Malamisura, Julie Orr, Amanda Matoushek, Vanessa Godfrey, Dharshana Arachchi, Angela Lambert, Cody Chambers, Betty Nash, Jason Stafford, Karen Grogan, Tina Strock, Kelli Sarver, Charlie Chen, David Balok, Kim Young, Tabitha Young, Adrian Ayersman, Shelia Sargent-Martin, Brittany Anderson, Terene Stiltner, Tammy Ferguson, Sarah Crews, Michelle Wiley, Rodney Montague, Amy Atwell, Sandra Wynn, Kristin Hogan, Bonnie Reece, Joel Vance, Anir Kenzhetaeva, Vincent Mateescu, Roy Pruett, Sarita Rhonemus, Albert Berkoh.

Call to Order: Darrel called the meeting to order. With 22 voting members, we determined there was nothing that we needed to vote on other than the minutes from January's meeting.

Interim Provost Report: Sarita started with the HLC report having been submitted on Monday the 24th of February. Sarita will hear from them later on Friday and a schedule will be made based on who the team wishes to meet with. For the Adhoc committee for Processes and Procedures, Sarita wants a list of persons interested in serving on this committee. We will start with the application, registration, and advising processes. And the fact that everything should be more digital so advising files can be accessed by whomever needs it during breaks when faculty is not available. Tammy, Darrel, Sarita, Adrian, Jack, Vanessa, Kristin, Rodney, and Sarah volunteered to be on this committee.

In the topic of advising Rodney asked if certain programs were having issues with improper advising in their first year that would potentially put them behind in their courses. Dr. Lambert stated it seemed to be a problem across the board not just any particular program. An Idea of a two minute you tube video to help instruct persons in advising guidelines. Kim Young asked if this could be added into the BSCU course. Tammy stated this course will be dropped in the fall and replaced with a Foundations course to cover the introductory information students need. It will be a 3 -hour course.

Book Vouchers will be in an electronic form and will go directly to the Bookstore from Financial Aid. Darrel asked what the expected time frame for students to be able to get a book through the process. There is no specific answer. It all depends on the student getting their information in correctly and processed in a timely manner. The school needs to streamline the communication process with students and what method will get their attention. Amanda suggested that the BSU news and Events should be streamlined so everyone is not inundated with an overload of emails.

Office of the Registrar and Information Technology now reports to the office of the Provost.

Pell Grant Funding is in a shortfall of several billion dollars. Funding will be reduced for students as a result.

BOG Rep. Report: Jack Stated they are still waiting on the Legislature and their bills to see how things will go. Dr. Lambert stated everyone needs to look at HB 2623 which will affect long term employee's benefits and PEIA. We could potentially lose it all,

Senate Update: The Senate passed 4 polices which will go to the BOG on March 13th for their vote. The Online College Policy, The attendance Policy, The Immunization Policy, The Distinguished Professor Policy (PTR). The distinguished Professor promotion is supposed to come with a monetary award according to the President.

Committees: Committees that have not met, need to contact Sarita so she can call a meeting and assure that the Chair has been named. Also, it was asked that Minutes from committee minutes be placed on the website page and also be sent to Vanessa so she can distribute them to the Senators for review of any items that need addressed by the Senate.

Students and In-person classes: There have been many discussions of requiring students to have at least a portion of their schedule as in person classes instead of all online. The pros and cons were discussed. This should be on a case by case basis. If students are in dorms they should be able to attend in person classes. However, working adults may need more online classes. The coaches are stated to be in favor of having athletes in seat as well. However, there are some situations with athletes when they are in season to be better served in online classes due to traveling several times a week. The desire is to revive campus life. Having a food source on campus would be a big step in helping that. One problem that also makes for road blocks is adequate transportation to and from the MEC after hours as well. They cannot come to campus for athletic events, activities, or even classes.

Security: It was stated there was a need for increased security with any night time events on campus for safety issues. And there is still no visible appearance of security even during the day time at the time.

Green Space: It was questioned as to what happened with the Green Space, grass was planted but its not landscaped to invite anyone to even step onto that area. Seats/ Benches or Flowers or something to make it more inviting. Betty commented we need to have a plan and support from the University and Maintenance to help provide what is needed. Even if we get student groups to pick up trash and spread mulch etc. The students have now called the green space. "the hole" because of its appearance.

Food on Campus: There was open discussion on the need for Food access on campus. The ideas of food trucks may be a start to providing something for students to eat. However, unless most students could use their meal cards, many students wouldn't be able to afford the food truck.

Concern for students from High Schools affected by the floods: The schools in Mc Dowell should be open by March 10th. However, many students will not be able to attend school if it is opened. Many do not have internet access still, so we will not be able to reach the students that are in dual credit classes. BSU will have to come up with a plan for those students that will not be able to continue in their courses.

Computer Science course: There was a question raised regarding a computer science course that was placed on the schedule without a qualified instructor listed as the faculty member. Sarita explained the full story of this situation. An independent study course was denied to be taught. A solution of an 8-week course was reached. Student has not held up his end of the bargain. As a result of this situation, we (the faculty) need to develop a policy of what an independent study course is used for.

Approval of previous minutes: Roy Pruett made a motion to accept the previous minutes with no changes. Amanda Matoushek seconded the motion. All were in favor with none opposed and no abstentions.

Adjournment: With no further business to discuss Roy Pruett made a motion to adjourn and Young Kim seconded the motion.

Meeting ended at 12:45 pm