

**Black Hills State University
Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes for February 7, 2024**

Attendance: Skott Chandler, Ron DeBeaumont, Abigail Domagall, Sydney Haugland, Katrina Jensen, Jarrett Moore, Parthasarathi Nag, Nancy Roberts, and Wendy Stewman

Guests: Nick Van Kley, Randy Doran, Justin Berg, Student Senate Vice President Bailey Froelich, Student Senate Secretary Cassidy Vandenhoeck

Meeting called to order at 3:15 PM.

1. Approval of minutes
 - a. Skott made a motion to approve the minutes from January 17, 2024. Wendy seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.
2. Bailey gave an update on SHED (Student in Higher Education) activities.
 - a. Student Senate members visited Pierre while the state legislature was in session to attend hearings and lobby bills related to education.
 - b. HB 1213, Sponsored by Representative Scott Odenbach would establish a Center for Civic Engagement at BHSU named after Professor Nicholas Drummond.
3. Clery Act
 - a. Dr. Justin Berg attended senate to express concerns raised by students in his Journalism course.
 - b. Access to records of crimes committed on campus were discussed.
 - c. Concerns were raised over whether the university is in compliance with the Clery Act.
 - d. Jarrett will bring these concerns to President Elliott.
4. Athletics
 - a. Randy Doran joined senate to share an update on student athletes.
 - b. Tommy Donovan held a session with the registrar and professional advisors to discuss athlete eligibility.
 - c. Student athletes sign a release to allow coaches to access grades. Faculty should feel comfortable providing information during grade checks.
 - d. Student athletes' average GPA is 3.14, with Women's Cross Country having the highest GPA at 3.66.
 - e. Randy provided a flyer highlighting the many academic accomplishments of student athletes.
5. Teaching Effectiveness Evaluation

- a. Nick Van Kley joined senate to discuss the opportunity to develop new methods to evaluate teaching.
 - b. Anything new would be in addition to IDEA surveys, which are required by the BOR.
 - c. Nick shared examples of frameworks used at other universities, including the University of Kansas, University of Oregon, University of Colorado-Boulder, and University of Massachusetts-Amherst.
 - d. Nick suggested that faculty senate might help to develop a framework that could be used at BHSU.
 - e. Senators will get feedback from faculty before moving forward.
6. Curriculum Proposals
- a. The following proposals were brought to senate from the Curriculum Committee:
 - i. -POLS substantive modification
 - ii. -POLS 327
 - iii. -POLS 401
 - iv. -POLS 406
 - v. -POLS/HIST 377
 - vi. -POLS/HIST 472
 - vii. -Social Media certificate
 - viii. -Photo certificate
 - ix. -POLS 319
 - x. -POLS 471
 - xi. -SS 350
 - b. Nag made a motion to approve all curriculum proposals. Skott seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.
7. Non-Tenure Track Promotion
- a. A proposal from the Provost was provided to Senate.
 - b. Senate discussed the requirements for individuals without a terminal degree to apply for promotion.
 - c. Senators suggested that waiting 10 years to apply for promotion might be too long.
 - d. Jarrett will bring the suggestions of senate to the Provost.
8. Senate Reorganization
- a. Two proposals were suggested:
 - i. Option 1:
 - 1. Five senators from the College of Liberal Arts and School of Business (Schools of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences, Mathematics, and Business): one from each school and one from the College and associated school at large.
 - 2. Four senators from the College of Natural & Behavioral Sciences and School of Education (Schools of Natural Sciences, Behavioral

Sciences, and Education): one from each school and one from the College and associated school at large.

3. One-year replacement for the Senate President will be selected from the unit that senator was elected to represent. The Senate President will not vote, unless a vote is needed to break a tie.

ii. Option 2:

1. Five senators from the College of Liberal Arts and School of Business (Schools of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences, Mathematics, and Business): one from each school and one from the College and associated school at large.
2. Five senators from the College of Natural & Behavioral Sciences and School of Education (Schools of Natural Sciences, Behavioral Sciences, and Education): one from each school and two from the College and associated school at large.
3. The Senate President will be elected from the ten senators. No replacement will be selected. The Senate President will not vote, unless a vote is needed to break a tie.

- b. Senate voted unanimously for Option 2. Two senators were absent, and Jarrett will request their votes via email.

9. Strategic Hiring Committee

- a. The Provost asked if Senate would like to have membership on the Strategic Hiring Committee.
- b. Senators were interested in serving on the committee.

10. Emergency Planning Meeting

- a. Nancy gave an update from the Emergency Planning meeting.
- b. Only 38% of campus is signed up to receive Everbridge emergency alerts.
- c. Concerns over the one student/bed travel policy were raised again.

Nancy made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Ron. The meeting was adjourned at 5:02 PM.

Minutes recorded by Katrina Jensen

Next Meeting: February 21, 2024, at 3:15 PM in the Trump Conference Room.

Minutes unanimously approved on March 20, 2024