

Black Hills State University
Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes for January 17, 2024

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

Guests: Trenton Ellis, Student Senate Secretary Cassidy Vandenhoeck

Meeting called to order at 3:20 PM.

1. Motion to approve minutes (PNag), seconded by Wendy
2. Student travel policy
 - a. Rule appears to be one body per bed – BOR policy
 - b. Athletics have 2 per (2 bed) room
 - c. The one student per bed becomes cost prohibitive to many disciplines organizing trips/tours
 - d. Instate can direct bill and state rates
 - e. Can trip organizers direct bill for hotels? Is there a way to have a credit card?
 - f. We don't feel like we can ask students to front these costs (tours, conferences etc.) OR for faculty to be covering everything
 - g. Could be argued that students are safer with 4 to a room than 2
 - h. Will be discussed with Provost at next with Senate President and VP
 - i. Is NCUR the best way to spend our conference funds? NCUR budget comes from VPAA (maybe ask Charlie Lamb)
3. Role of Senate in policy creation
 - a. Provost said he was willing to put a system in place to ensure Senate reviews these policies before they are finalized
 - b. Nag suggested that senate could bring a policy to our schools and ask for feedback
 - c. (Check final's schedule – says that it has to go through VP/Provost)
 - d. Finals week doesn't accommodate all styles of class – concerts, exhibitions are often final products instead of paper/pencil exams. Does not align with our experiential learning concept, and our innovative teaching ideas
 - e. Provost suggested we made a list of exempt classes
4. Reorg senate
 - a. Needs to be approved by other faculty
 - i. COLA
 1. Arts
 2. Humanities (and social sci)

3. Math (and social sci)
 - b. 9 faculty
 - i. COLA = 3 faculty, one from each school
 - ii. Natural and Behavioral Science = 2 faculty 1 per school
5. Invited guests for future meetings
 - a. Randall Doran – athletics
 - b. Nick Van Kley – teaching evaluations

4:16 pm adjourned

Minutes recorded by Abigail Domagall

Next Meeting: February 7, 2024, at 3:15 PM in the Trump Conference Room.

Minutes unanimously approved on February 7, 2024