

Black Hills State University
Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes for April 21, 2021
Meeting via Zoom

Attendance: Cheryl Anagnopoulos, Skott Chandler, David Crawford, Susan Dana, Brian Eberhard, Jim Hess, Katrina Jensen, Parthasarathi Nag, Nancy Roberts, and Louise Yoho.

Guests: President Nichols and Provost Romkema

Meeting called to order at 3:15 PM via zoom.

1. Minutes of the April 7th, 2021, meeting were approved. The motion to do so was proposed and seconded by Cheryl Anagnopoulos and Katrina Jensen. The motion passed unanimously.
2. President Nichols provided the following updates:
 - a. To close out the budget in a balanced state, the issue of overspending on adjuncts and overloads must be resolved.
 - b. Academic Affairs will be filling ten positions. Nine of the ten positions are designated for faculty and one is designated for a staff position for the student engagement coordinator. In addition, a counselor will be hired in the fall.
 - c. Senate Bill 55 was discussed next. The goal of this proposal is drive efficiencies among the universities. Such efficiencies could be accomplished by the universities combining certain business services. For example, having one centralized travel administration office or centralizing certain areas of the human resources departments.
3. Provost Romkema provided the following updates:
 - a. As faculty start the search and screen process, Provost Romkema stated that she is available to meet with any of the candidates. This may be an in-person meeting or a zoom meeting.
 - b. There are four candidates for the position of Athletic Director who are on campus this week.
 - c. There will be three commencement ceremonies held on May 8th. Please remember to wear your masks to the ceremonies. Social distancing will be practiced as well.
 - d. On May 7th there will be a reception for Rapid City students who are graduating. This will be held at the Rapid City Center at 5:30 p.m.
 - e. Currently, we have students registered for 5,154 credit hours for the upcoming summer classes. Our campus goal is to have 7,000 credit hours.
4. The Senate next considered the Student Code of Conduct policy. Dave Crawford mentioned that there was a typographical error on page 46 of the document. The word

“find” should read “fine”. Other than that, there were no other issues. Jim Hess will forward this on to Andrea Bakeberg.

5. Curriculum items were considered next.

a. New Certificate – Spanish

A certificate is typically one that includes 9 – 12 credit hours. This proposal for a new certificate in Spanish includes 17 credit hours. This proposal is a request for the BOR to recognize an exception to the credit hour policy. In rare situations the BOR will approve such requests. Parthasarathi Nag made a motion to approve and to send it to the BOR for their consideration. Katrina Jensen seconded the motion. The Senate voted to approve unanimously.

b. CMST 401 Advanced Interpersonal Communication – Authority to Offer an Existing Course

This proposal arrived after the established curriculum deadline set by Faculty Senate. Parthasarathi Nag made a motion for a vote to bring the proposal to the floor. Katrina Jensen seconded the motion. The Senate voted with 3 Senators approving the motion and 7 Senators not approving the motion. Therefore, the proposal will be considered at the next Senate meeting in September 2021.

c. Business Administration Major - Economics/Finance Specialization – The Senate previously approved a program modification proposal, however, the BOR has requested this be placed on a different form for a New Specialization. Provost Romkema informed the Senate that the content is identical, just a different form is needed. Nancy Roberts will inform Provost Romkema that there was no objection to change forms.

6. Recently, Faculty Senate elections were held in each college. The results for each college are as follows:

CEBS (at-large position) – Nancy Roberts
CBNS (at-large position)– Ron DeBeaumont
COLA (Behavioral Sciences) – Emilia Flint
COLA (Education) – Jarrett Moore

7. Faculty Senate officer elections were held next.

President - Cheryl Anagnopoulos nominated Nancy Roberts for President and Skott Chandler seconded the nomination. The vote was unanimous. Nancy Roberts will be the new Faculty Senate President.

Vice President - Parthasarathi Nag nominated Skott Chandler for Vice President and Susan Dana seconded the nomination. The vote was unanimous. Skott Chandler will be the new Vice President of Faculty Senate.

Secretary- The Senate decided to postpone the selection of the new secretary until the next Senate meeting on May 5th, 2021.

8. The next Senate meeting will be held via zoom on Wednesday, May 5th at 3:15 p.m.
9. Meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Minutes recorded by
Susan Dana, Secretary