

**Black Hills State University**  
**Faculty Senate Meeting**  
**Minutes for March 3, 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.

**Guest:** Provost Romkema

**Student Senator:** President Juliana Nielson

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

1. Minutes of the February 17, 2021, meeting were approved. The motion to do so was proposed and seconded by Cheryl Anagnopoulos and Parthasarathi Nag. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Concerns were raised over the faculty parking lot. Due to the ongoing construction at the library, faculty have been precluded from using many of the parking spaces. Jim Hess will raise this issue during his upcoming meeting with President Nichols.
3. Jim Hess made a recommendation for the Faculty Senate officers to be granted privileges to have direct email access to the faculty members. He will discuss this request with President Nichols.
4. The University Curriculum Committee has requested that the Appointments Committee replace the faculty members whose terms expire in spring 2021. The Senate agreed. Susan Dana will email Nancy Roberts a list of the vacant positions.
5. Curriculum items were considered next.

BIOL 724L: Genomic Techniques - Minor Course Modification  
ARTD 463: Professional Practices in Graphic Design - New Course Request  
BFA Graphic Design – Minor Program Modification  
Business Administration Specialization in Economics/Finance - Substantive Program Modification  
Corporate Communication - Minor Program Modification

Parthasarathi Nag and Skott Chandler moved and seconded a motion to approve all five proposals. The Senate voted to approve unanimously.

The following items were considered next.

ED 601: Foundations and Issues of Mathematical Education – Minor Course Modification  
ED 641: Understanding Student Thinking in Numbers/Operations – Minor Course Modification  
ED 651: Understanding Student Thinking in Algebra – Minor Course Modification  
ED 661: Understanding Student Thinking in Geometry/Measurements – Minor Course Modification  
ED 671: Assessment in School Mathematics – Minor Course Modification  
ED 751: Leadership in School Mathematics – Minor Course Modification

Cheryl Anagnopoulos and Louise Yoho moved and seconded a motion to approve all six proposals. The Senate voted to approve unanimously.

6. Updates from Student Senate President, Juliana Nielson:
  - a. The launch for the new BHSU logo is scheduled for March 29th at 2:00 p.m. in the Student Union. The student senators will assist with the launch.
  - b. The Student Senate elections will be held this month and campaigning will be starting soon.
  - c. The senators are planning a Family Feud night event for students.
  - d. The Student Senate is teaming up with Beta Gamma Sigma, the business honor society, for a community service event scheduled for the end of March.
  
7. Provost Romkema provided the following updates:
  - a. Last fall a task force was created by President Nichols to review the topics of overloads and the use of adjuncts at BHSU. The task force recently submitted two guidelines and a policy for the President's review. The President will meet with the task force next month for discussion.
  - b. For the upcoming summer schedule there are currently 703 students enrolled and 3,400 student credit hours. Our goal is to reach 7,000 student credit hours. Recruitment efforts are underway to encourage students to enroll in summer classes.
  - c. Provost Romkema discussed the possibility of future partnership opportunities with other regental institutions. One such partnership currently pending is a computer science education program with South Dakota School of Mines and Technology.
  - d. Currently, nine positions have been authorized to be filled in the academic affairs unit. These include five faculty positions and four others. If additional funding becomes available there may be an opportunity for other faculty positions to be filled. The senators raised many concerns regarding the need for additional faculty hires. Provost Romkema also explained the state funding model and the impact such model has on the budget.

8. The next Senate meeting will be held via zoom on Wednesday, March 17th at 3:15 p.m.
9. Parthasarathi Nag and Skott Chandler moved and seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion to adjourn was approved unanimously at 4:50 p.m.

Minutes recorded by  
Susan Dana, Secretary