

**Black Hills State University**  
**Faculty Senate Meeting**  
**Minutes for May 5, 2021**  
**Meeting via Zoom**

**Attendance:** Skott Chandler Susan Dana, Ron DeBeaumont, Emilia Flint, Brian Eberhard, Katrina Jensen, Jarrett Moore, Parthasarathi Nag, and Nancy Roberts.

**Guests:** Provost Romkema

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

1. Election of Secretary
  - a. Nancy Roberts asked to consider Brian Eberhard as Faculty Senate Secretary for the upcoming year. A motion to nominate Brian was proposed and seconded by Parthasarathi Nag and Susan Dana. Ron DeBeaumont moved to confirm Brian and Parthasarathi Nag seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Updates from Provost Romkema:
  - a. Words of welcome for the new Senators.
  - b. Thank you to all of the Senators for their willingness to serve in this capacity. Our work and leadership are much appreciated.
  - c. Nag asked Provost Romkema for a list of the nine faculty positions which were released. Provost Romkema told us that search and screen committees are currently underway and she will forward a list of the positions to Nancy Roberts so that she can send it out to the Senate.
3. The minutes from the April 21, 2021 meeting were approved. The motion to do so was proposed and seconded by Parthasarathi Nag and Skott Chandler. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Introductions were made by the Senators.
5. The BOR proposal to omit the option for the peer panel review found in BOR Policy 6:2 was discussed next. Specifically found in Sections 6.2.2 and 6.2.2.1, the BOR questioned the need for retaining the option for a peer panel review in the faculty grievance process. The Senators believed that the peer panel engages faculty during the process, increases the level of institutional trust, and provides an opportunity for share governance.
  - a. Katrina Jensen made a motion to have Nancy Roberts send a letter to the BOR in support of maintaining sections 6.2.2 and 6.2.2.1 in the BOR Policy 6.2. Parthasarathi Nag seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
6. The next Senate meeting will be held on September 1, 2021 at 3:15PM.
7. Meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Minutes recorded by  
Brian Eberhard, Secretary