

**Black Hills State University**  
**Faculty Senate Meeting**  
**Minutes for February 16, 2022**

**Attendance:** Skott Chandler, Laura Colmenero-Chilberg, David Crawford, Susan Dana, Brian Eberhard, Katrina Jensen, Jarrett Moore, and Parthasarathi Nag

**Guest:** President Nichols

Meeting called to order at 3:15 PM.

1. President Nichols' Report
  - a. President Nichols discussed and fielded questions about open positions. Currently, there are 25 positions under recruitment, 10 of which are faculty positions. Fifteen positions are currently on the "frozen list" due to budget reductions. These positions will be released, based on priorities, when enrollment increases (approximately 1,000 additional credit hours – 60 full-time students).
  - b. Counseling office currently has "tele-help" and a part-time counselor. It is currently difficult to hire these positions. Student data analytics position was discussed. This position is important to improve our collection and use of data.
  - c. President Nichols shared that COVID funds are being used largely for mass testing. Mass testing will continue throughout the spring semester. Funds were also used for loss tuition, food service, summer camps, and other losses due to COVID.
  - d. Advised that BHSU print shop to be closed and changes to printing and copying processes will be undertaken to lower cost and improve efficiencies.
2. Approval of February 2, 2022, Minutes
  - a. Minutes from January 19<sup>th</sup>, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, and February 16<sup>th</sup> meeting to be reviewed and approved at the next Faculty Senate meeting.
3. Board of Regents Meeting (BOR)
  - a. Nancy Roberts and Skott Chandler will meet with the BOR on March 25<sup>th</sup>. Skott asked for input about topics/questions to ask the board.
4. Other Business
  - a. Skott Chandler requested senate members to ask their departments for distinguished faculty nominations.

Laura Colmenero-Chilberg made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Susan Dana. The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 PM.

Minutes recorded by  
Brian Eberhard

