

Black Hills State University
Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes for October 20, 2021

Attendance: David Berberick, Skott Chandler, David Crawford, Susan Dana, Brian Eberhard, Katrina Jensen, Jarrett Moore, Parthasarathi Nag, and Nancy Roberts.

Student Senators: Keegan Baatz and Myndi Weidenbach

Meeting called to order at 3:15 PM.

1. Keegan Baatz's and Myndi Weidenbach's Student Senate Report
 - a. Shared the need to appoint two new senators for at large spots that were vacated this semester.
 - b. Shared that USD reported no confidence in Student Federation. Resignations followed. Student senate is working on a special election to fill the vacated positions.

2. President Nichol's Report
 - a. Shared information on BHSU budget request made June 2021. Request for Ellsworth Base Campus was approved. Requested funds for Wellness Center, West River Health Sciences Center, and COVID specific funds. All request items sent to the Governor and state legislature for approval.
 - b. Reported on September 29 Community Update on Higher EdTask Force. Forty recommendations came out of the task force. Comments made at this Community Update meeting were discussed. Key Spearfish-area leaders and legislators will be invited to a strategy session in November to discuss how to best address issues discussed at the meeting. Shared ideas about how faculty can become involved in legislative requests.
 - c. Updated the Faculty Senate on the Provost search. Options include a national search (expensive and time consuming), internal search, or an internal search to the BOR (any of the six campuses may apply).

3. Interim-Provost Carriveau's Report
 - a. Academic Freedom and Responsibility (SDBOR Policy 1.11)
 - i. Provost Carriveau updated faculty senate on changes to the policy.
 - ii. Nancy Roberts asked senators to speak to members of their schools for feedback on the policy.

4. Extreme Weather Class Cancellation
 - a. Senate discussed concerns over expectations to have a class during a snowstorm or other weather event when travel to campus is not advised.

5. Curriculum Changes
 - a. The following curriculum changes from the University Curriculum Committee were considered:

- i. AIS 377: Ethnobotany, removal of BIOL 101 Prerequisite
 - ii. Philosophy Minor, change of course requirements and electives
 - iii. SEED 408/508, change of course title from “Planning, Managing, and Assessing in the 7-12 Diverse Classroom” to “Planning, Managing, and Assessing in the 5-12 Diverse Classroom”
 - b. Parthasarathi Nag made a motion to approve changes. Susan Dana seconded. The motion pass unanimously.
- 6. Policy Review:
 - a. Senate discussed the following university policies:
 - i. Purchasing (5.8)
 - ii. Password Requirements (7)
- 7. Minutes from 9/15 and 10/6 Faculty Senate meeting
 - a. One change was made to the 9/15 minutes: there were 4 P&T elections held, not 6).
 - b. Jaret Moore made a motion to approve the minutes, Susan Dana seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Parthasarathi Nag moved to adjourn the meeting. David Crawford seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 5:01 PM.

Minutes recorded by
Brian Eberhard and Katrina Jensen