

Black Hills State University
Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes for September 21, 2022

Attendance: Skott Chandler, Laura Colmenero-Chilberg, Ron DeBeaumont, Abigail Domagall, Katrina Jensen, Jarrett Moore, Parthasarathi Nag, Nancy Roberts, and Skye van Duuren

Guests: President Laurie Nichols, Provost Jon Kilpinen, Quintin Owens, Phil Pesheck

Meeting called to order at 3:15 PM.

1. Campus Safety
 - a. Phil Pesheck gave an update on campus safety.
 - b. Currently Phil is the only security person on campus.
 - c. There is a position open for a second safety officer and the search to fill it has been unsuccessful.
 - d. The Spearfish Police Department is aware of the situation and has increased patrols on campus when Phil is not present.
 - e. Signs for storm shelters are being printed for every building

2. Update from President Nichols
 - a. The president does not currently have an assistant in her office, and encouraged faculty to contact her directly, if needed.
 - b. The president gave an update on enrollment.
 - i. Incoming freshman enrollment is up to 483.
 - ii. Retention is up to 71%.
 - iii. Overall enrollment is down 3%, mostly from continuing students, dual enrollment, graduate students, and students attending the BHSU-RC campus
 - iv. Efforts to develop a specific mission in the area of health science for the Rapid City campus are underway and are hoped to boost enrollment.
 - c. The president gave an update on the strategic plan.
 - i. The committee includes 40 members.
 - ii. The plan will cover 5 years and includes 4 main goals, covering the areas of:
 1. Student Success
 2. Academic Programs
 3. Employee Well-Being
 4. Branding and Identity
 - iii. A town hall meeting is planned for Wednesday, October 12 from 3:00-5:00 PM in Club Buzz to get input from the campus community on the plan. Faculty are encouraged to attend.

3. Update from Provost Kilpinen
 - a. The provost gave more information about Goal 2 of the strategic plan relating to Academic Programs, which includes 4 areas of focus.

- i. Infrastructure for student success
 - ii. Community relationships
 - iii. Academic distinctiveness
 - iv. Academic quality
 - b. The provost addressed the possibility of an academic reorganization.
 - i. Engagement from faculty is wanted.
 - ii. There is no timeline for a reorganization to happen.
- 4. Senate Bylaws
 - a. Nancy requested a copy of the current senate bylaws, which need to be updated.
 - b. Nancy plans to divide the bylaws among the members of senate, assigning specific sections to specific members to draft an update, which will then be reviewed by the senate as a whole.
- 5. Promotion and Tenure Committees
 - a. There is one vacancy on each of the P&T committees:
 - i. University Promotion & Tenure Committee
 - ii. CBNS Promotion & Tenure Committee
 - iii. CBES Promotion & Tenure Committee
 - iv. COLA Promotion & Tenure Committee
 - b. Skott requested assistance running the elections to fill these committees.
 - c. Faculty must be tenured and not applying for promotion to serve.
 - d. Faculty can be nominated or self-nominate.

Nag made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Laura. The meeting was adjourned at 4:49 PM.

Minutes recorded by Katrina Jensen

Next Meeting: October 5, 2022