

Black Hills State University
Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes for April 17, 2024

Attendance: Skott Chandler, Ron DeBeaumont, Abigail Domagall, Sydney Haugland, Katrina Jensen, Jarrett Moore, Parthasarathi Nag, Nancy Roberts, and Wendy Stewman

Guests: President Steve Elliott, Provost Jon Kilpinen, VP John Allred, Student Senate Vice President Bailey Froelich, Student Senate Secretary Cassidy Vandenhoeck

Meeting called to order at 3:15 PM.

1. Approval of Minutes from April 3
 - a. Sydney made a motion to approve the minutes. Nancy seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Distinguished Faculty Award
 - a. Nancy was recognized for earning the Distinguished Faculty Award.

3. Provost's report
 - a. The SD BOR approved the academic reorganization plan.
 - b. Peer Evaluation of Teaching
 - i. Teaching evaluations by peer faculty will be implemented for new faculty hires starting in Fall 2024.
 - ii. Nick Van Kley will work on the development of an instrument for evaluation.
 - iii. The faculty member getting evaluated and the one doing the evaluation will meet prior to the classroom visit and following the visit.
 - iv. Participation will be voluntary for current faculty.

4. Campus alcohol policy
 - a. John Allred shared that a petition had been brought forward by an outside organization requesting a change to the campus alcohol policy.
 - b. Current policy does not allow alcohol in dorms, except for in a designated building in the campus apartments.
 - c. The petition requested allowing students 21 and over to possess and consume alcohol in any dormitories.
 - d. Questions were raised about the practices used to collect signatures for the petition.
 - e. Nancy made a motion to not recommend a change to the current alcohol policy. Skott seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Senate reorganization models and bylaws

- a. The outcome of the vote on changes to the election of Senators to Faculty Senate were reviewed. All three amendments up for vote were passed with greater than two thirds of the voting faculty.
6. Faculty Senate Elections
 - a. Election of new Senators shall take place so that Senators can be seated by the final meeting of the semester.
 - b. Elections will be held for the following open seats:
 - i. School of Humanities, 3-year term expiring Spring 2027
 - ii. College of Liberal Arts at large, 2-year term, expiring Spring 2026
 - iii. School of Behavioral Sciences, 3-year term expiring Spring 2027
 - iv. College of Behavioral and Natural Sciences at large, 1-year term expiring Spring 2025
 - v. School of Education, 2-year term expiring Spring 2026
 - vi. School of Business and School of Education at large, 3-year term expiring Spring 2027
7. Distinguished Faculty
 - a. Abby made a motion to keep nominations for Distinguished Faculty active for three years following the nomination. Nag seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Nag made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Nancy. The meeting was adjourned at 4:42 PM.

Minutes recorded by Katrina Jensen

Next Meeting: May 1, 2024, at 3:15 PM in the Trump Conference Room.

Minutes unanimously approved on April 17, 2024