

MINUTES BHSU Staff Senate

Monday, January 24, 2022 – 10 am (postponed from January 17 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day)

Call To Order – Nancy called the meeting to order at 10:05am.

PRESENT: Aaron Bauerly, Kristin Carmichael, Scott Hanson, Janette Hettick, Roxanne Lewis, Nancy Shuck, Thayer Trenhaile

GUESTS: Emily Hoffmann, Debbie Liddick, Prasanthi Pallapu (kudos and many thanks to Prasanthi for assisting with a computer issue for one of our Senators before the meeting)

Approval of Minutes of December 20, 2021 – Roxanne moved to approve as presented, Aaron seconded the motion. Minutes of December 20, 2021, were approved .

Next Meeting Date – Given that February 21, 2022, is President's Day, Aaron suggested holding the next meeting February 28. All agreed.

Invitation to President Nichols for meeting – President Nichols will be invited to the annual meeting held after elections.

The upcoming election procedures for Staff Senators were outlined in the agenda: nominations in March, the electronic election in April, all Senators (in-coming and outgoing) attend the meeting and new officers are elected in May, new Senators assume duties and elected offices in June. Positions to be elected include Athletics (3-year term), Enrollment Management (3-year term), Facility Services (3-year term), Finance and Administration (2-year term to complete Kasey Salazar's term), President's Office / University Advancement / University Marketing & Communications (3-year term). All current Senators are eligible for re-election (Kristin Carmichael, Nancy Shuck, Marc Jolley, and Thayer Trenhaile who completed Andrea Bakeberg's term).

The Elections Committee will consist of President Nancy Shuck, Vice-President Janette Hettick, and Technical Officer Aaron Bauerly. Volunteers are also welcome to assist or observe the process.

BHSU Strategic Planning – Listening Sessions: Debbie Liddick (a member of the Core Design Team for the Strategic Plan) reported the Staff session had the largest number of attendees, the Faculty and the General Public sessions were also well-attended. Interesting comments came from all sessions. A final session will be held for Students on February 16. Consultants Christy and John will summarize the information from these listening sessions and work with the Design team (representatives from each area of campus) to complete the Five-Year Strategic Plan to be published in June and take effect in September.

Proposal from Listening Sessions: One proposal was for the Presidents or Executive Committees of Staff Senate, Student Senate, and Faculty Senate to meet at least once a semester to improve communication between constituents on campus. Staff Senators agreed and Nancy will approach the other two Senates.

Committee or Officer Reports:

Mentoring Committee – Nancy has delayed calling another meeting with all the changes occurring in Human Resources (and elsewhere on campus). She approached Human Resources for ideas on ways Staff Senate could assist them and they will respond after payroll. She will call another meeting then.

Strategic Planning Committee – It was agreed to develop a strategic plan for Staff Senate after the University's is complete and then build off that plan.

Fund-Raising Committee – Senators were asked to consider fund-raising ideas and if fund-raising might be necessary. Nancy described the campus picnic / potluck and auctions held by the former CSA Council as an example.

Search Committee for Provost / Vice President for Academic Affairs – Aaron reported the first meeting was held and he will report what he can while maintaining confidentiality. The profile has been published and the consulting firm is starting the process. The search committee will meet again in mid-March; initial interviews are tentatively planned for April.

Library Renovation Committee – Debbie reported for the Library renovation committee that staff meet with contractors every other week. The contractor

experienced a delay in steel delivery, so his crew moved to the inside work. Steel has been delivered and exterior work has begun. They are working with an artist (an alumnus) on a mural in the Einstein's café area and Dick Termes will hang a Termesphere in the staircase. Furniture and books will be moved in this summer. Scott has ordered or is ordering all the furniture (chosen by an interior decorator) planned for the library.

Debbie Liddick is also on the transition committee to transition from Aladdin to Sodexo June 30-July 1, 2022. She requested the schedule for summer camps and conferences and Nancy will also supply the pricing matrix.

Announcements / Upcoming Events – One event not included in the list was added – the Ladies Safety and Awareness Seminar on January 25 in the Young Center 214 from 6-8pm.

Men's & Women's Basketball – DYC – January 18 (Chadron State)

Census Date – January 19

Men's & Women's Basketball – DYC – January 20 (SD Mines)

Track & Field – Dave Little Alumni Mile – DYC – January 21-22

Men's & Women's Basketball – DYC – February 4 (Adams State)

BHSU Musical - Matthews Opera House - February 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, & 20

Men's & Women's Basketball – DYC – February 5 (CSU-Pueblo)

Track & Field – Stinger Open – DYC – February 18-19

President's Day holiday – February 21

BHSU Day of Giving "Jackets Give Back" – February 25

Men's & Women's Basketball – DYC – February 25 (Colorado Christian)

Men's & Women's Basketball – DYC – February 26 (Metro State)

Mileposts on the Mickelson – March 3, 4-5:30pm, Jonas 305, Rick Mills (SD State Railroad Museum Curator)

Next meeting – February 28 at 10am. Scott moved to adjourn and Aaron seconded.