

**Black Hills State University
Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes for November 3, 2021**

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

Meeting called to order at 3:15 PM.

1. President Nichol's Report on Provost Search and Strategic Plan
 - a. Shared information about our provost search plan. We are moving forward with a national search firm: Summit Search Solutions. Short-term goals include forming a search committee and launching the search by second week of January. We hope to have a provost in place by July 2022.
 - b. Shared information about our need to develop a new five-year strategic plan. A proposal has been made to hire a consulting firm to help us with the development of the plan: Intersection Consulting. The plan should be in place before HLC in Spring 2024.
 - c. Shared information about the Indian University of North America and their request for BHSU to be their partner for specific education needs. A group from BHSU will meet with university officials to discuss opportunities.
 - d. Discussed... TRIO will submit an RFP for an Upward Bound program. BHSU will submit an RFP with Rapid City.

2. Approval of Faculty Senate Minutes – October 20th Meeting
 - a. Parthasarathi Nag moved to approve the minutes from October 20th meeting. Minutes were approved.

3. Nancy Robert's Update on Communicating with other Faculty Senates
 - a. Updated senate on upcoming meetings to be held for faculty senate officers across the state.
 - b. Asked for feedback or recommendations for members of the "Opportunities for All" committee. Nancy will provide more information to the senate about the responsibilities of this committee.
 - c. Asked for volunteers/suggestions for members of the provost hiring committee. Discussed the importance of having committee members from all schools, if possible. Several faculty members names were shared as possible committee members.

4. John Allred's Report on the BHSU Strategic Enrollment Plan
 - a. Jon Allred presented on the outcome of the RNL report and the plans to increase enrollment.
 - b. The plan includes 19 initiatives in 6 categories.
 - c. Allred answered questions from faculty senators.

5. Additional Items

- a. Concerns were raised about limited access to counseling for students.
- b. Ideas for improving morale were requested.

Laura Colmenero-Chilberg made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Susan Dana. The meeting was adjourned at 4:59 PM.

Minutes recorded by
Brian Eberhard and Katrina Jensen