

Black Hills State University
Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes for October 6, 2021

Attendance: 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. Library Construction Update – Scott Ahola
 - a. Completion scheduled for move in Fall 2022. Scott shared that some collections are now in storage but still available. Student Success Center, Math Center, and Writing Center will be housed in the library. A audio/video recording space will also be available. Photos of continuing construction are available through a link on the library webpage.
2. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Minutes from September 15th meeting to be sent out for approval at next meeting.
3. Curriculum Proposal
 - a. MCOM course name change from Basic Newswriting to Basic Media Writing. Dana first, Katrina seconded. Motion approved.
4. Policy Review – The following policies were discussed:
 - a. 2.11 Office Hours – A question was raised (Nag) to consider adjusting 4 required hours due to possible overloads or other adjustments to faculty loads. The need for a minimum of 4 hours was discussed due to the need for student accessibility to faculty. A question (Dave C.) was raised about point 3,c. Currently, business school has some hours virtual/online and others physically present in the office. Also, policy does not address Rapid City office hours as counting towards physical presence office hours (Dana). Question raised about noting this should apply to “full-time faculty members.” Discussion took place about our role in policymaking since the issue is already addressed in policy.
 - i. Faculty Senate will suggest adding “full-time faculty member” under 1. Purpose.
 - ii. 3.c. “Faculty who teach both face-to-face and online courses may offer...”
 - b. 4.7 Sexual Harassment
 - i. It was suggested that we add a note to see if they want to add a statement regarding faculty training on Title IX policy
 - ii. It was suggested that we add a note to clarify section iii.1.a on Domestic violence.
 - c. 2.15 Class Attendance
 - i. A concern was raised that section 3d on notification from coaches could be interpreted as taking the place of direct communication about absences from students to faculty.
 - d. 8.1 Department of Athletics Disciplinary Policy

- i. A concern was raised that final discretion over discipline decisions is only in athletics with no academic input.

Parthasarathi Nag moved to approve policies with recommended changes, Susan Dana seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

5. RNL Report

- a. Upon discussion, it was decided that an invitation will be extended to Jon Allred to talk to faculty senate about the RNL report.

6. SB 55

- a. Nancy Roberts gave a recap of the SB 55 public forum.

Parthasarathi Nag moved to adjourn the meeting. David Crawford seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 4:46 PM.

Minutes recorded by
Brian Eberhard and Katrina Jensen