

Black Hills State University
Faculty Senate
Minutes for October 17, 2018
Swarts Room (Student Union Building)

Attendance: Cheryl Anagnopoulos, David Crawford, Holly Downing, Gina Gibson, Faye LaDuke-Pelster, Parthasarathi Nag, Wei Song, Denice Turner; and Josh Vaith (Student Senator)

Visitors: Provost Chris Crawford and Mike Jastorff

1. Meeting called to order at 3:15
2. Approval of agenda. Parthasarathi Nag moved and Faye LaDuke-Pelster seconded a motion to approve the agenda. Motion passed.
3. Mike Jastorff presented information on One Day Access. With this program, students receive e-textbooks, which are more affordable and available within 24 hr of registering for a course. Students can use financial aid to purchase the ebook. A limited trial has resulted in significant savings for students this fall, thus making it more likely students will purchase the book and be more successful in class. This can potentially impact student retention as a result. Although first student surveys about the use of ebooks were uncertain or negative, as students use these types of books, their opinions become much more positive. A recent survey indicated an increase in student interest. Publishers benefit as well. Mike was asked what would happen if a student dropped a class. During the drop/ add period a student can opt in or out any number of times. This system is also good for dual credit students as they have immediate access to the textbook. The bookstore saves on the cost of freighting books. Mike asked that senators talk to other faculty about One Day Access. He is also available to talk to faculty in departmental or college meetings.
4. Provost Crawford provided the following updates:
 - a. Innovation Circle is a proposal to form informal group(s) of faculty, staff and students to consider ideas for improving and strengthening the campus. After this preliminary vetting, the changes would be offered to the campus on a wider scale for consideration. This model has been used successfully by businesses. Invitations to be in the innovation circle have been sent out. Faculty, students and staff can submit their ideas to this group for consideration. Ideas should be about improving the institution, not just individual programs.
 - b. Provost Crawford thanked all of the faculty and staff who helped make Preview day a success.
 - c. Academic Affairs Council met last week with a light agenda. Upcoming COHE negotiations were discussed briefly. DSU has proposed a new rank of Professor of Practice. This person might not have a PhD, but would have a terminal degree of some sort and extensive experience. DSU would like to be able to offer this kind of position in their IT area.

- i. Dr. Paul Turman is leaving to take a new job.
 - ii. The new BOR President, Paul Beran, was on our campus earlier this week. He has many years of teaching and university administrative experience. He toured BHSU facilities and made some good suggestions.
 - d. BHSU has a new Instructional Designer, Prasanthi Pallapu. Faculty are encouraged to introduce themselves and welcome Prasanthi Pallapu to campus.
 - e. A second GS100 planning meeting will be this week. They are looking at developing a 1 credit course that would have a common syllabus. Although the section syllabi would be the same, individual disciplines would provide the lens for material coverage.
 - f. Enrollment trends were presented by our contracted consultants to Academic Affairs, and future trends are not good state- or nationwide. Our consultants provided 132 unique contacts for this year's freshman class, which our admissions staff were able to pursue.
 - g. Vote on November 6th.
 - h. Library renovations are in the planning stage. Renderings will be done by end of this calendar year so fund raising can start next year.
 - i. Oct 29 and 30 BHSU will have a site visit for Business AACSB accreditation.
5. Information updates from Student Senate were deferred to next meeting due to lack of time.
 6. Minutes of Oct 3 were discussed and 2 changes made. Parthasarathi Nag and Faye LaDuke-Pelster moved and seconded a motion to approve the minutes as modified. Motion passed.
 7. Phil Pesheck is still looking for two members of the faculty to go on a safety walk, October 23rd at 7 PM.
 8. Eight curriculum requests were reviewed. A question was raised concerning the starting dates for some of the changes and a course change in SPED had the ED prefix. The chair will ask about these and confirm the change. A motion to accept all eight curricular proposals was proposed and seconded by Parthasarathi Nag and Dave Crawford, respectively. Motion passed unanimously.

Proposals:

- Political Science Minor – changes to areas of emphasis with a new emphasis on civic engagement.
- Political Science Minor for teaching – same change.
- ESL 193 Workshop for 1-6 cr is an added course. This better aligns BHSU with sister institutions in the state.
- K-12 Special Education minor program modification. One course is deleted and replaced with Special Education Law.
- Permission to offer existing course, Special Education Law.

- Deletes course on Subject Research Methods previously in the K-12 Special Ed minor.
 - Description for Biol 286, Word Origins, is modified.
 - Professional Accountancy changes will respond to an AACSB identified weakness.
9. 360 degrees of assessment was discussed further.
 - a. USD and SDSU are already doing this, using IDEA for administrators. School of Mines is discussing how to review administrators.
 - b. Faculty Senate discussed the benefits and costs to using IDEA for administrators. Another option is to develop our own evaluation instrument. This would require agreeing on the questions to include, developing a secure way to run the survey such that individuals could only respond once, and analyzing the data. If a company like IDEA is used, they would provide all of these services – but at a cost.
 10. Standards documents should indicate how teaching will be evaluated beyond the IDEA forms.
 11. It was suggested that Faculty Senate should find out more about how BHSU is positioning itself to deal with predicted ongoing enrollment declines. Is there a budget strategy?
 12. Faye LaDuke-Pelster and Gina Gibson moved and seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion passed.