

Black Hills State University
Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes for October 19, 2022

Attendance: Skott Chandler, Laura Colmenero-Chilberg, Ron DeBeaumont, Abigail Domagall, Brian Eberhard, Katrina Jensen, Jarrett Moore, Parthasarathi Nag, and Nancy Roberts

Guests: President Laurie Nichols, Provost Jon Kilpinen, Aaron Bauerly

Meeting called to order at 3:15 PM.

1. Approval of Minutes from 9/7 and 9/21 Meetings
 - a. Nancy moved to approve minutes. Nag seconded.
 - b. Minutes were approved unanimously.
2. Curriculum – BFA Studio Art
 - a. Nancy moved to approve curriculum proposal. Jarrett seconded.
 - b. Curriculum proposal was approved unanimously.
3. Library Committee – Aaron Bauerly
 - a. Library is rewriting policies, procedures, and research guides. Aaron would like an advisory committee to receive faculty input.
 - b. Nancy will explore interest from faculty and present findings to the faculty senate at a future meeting.
4. President's Report
 - a. President Nichols asked for comments from the faculty senate on the strategic plan. Several comments/recommendations were provided.
 - b. President Nichols asked for general comments and questions.
 - c. Racial slurs and 3 sexual assaults
5. Instructor Promotion
 - a. Nancy gave an update on the issue of instructors applying for promotion without a terminal degree. She spoke with the Provost about the issue, and he supports the idea.
 - b. BOR Policy 4.11 allows for exceptions.
 - c. The Provost will seek information from other campuses as to the policy related to instructor promotion and how frequently exceptions are granted.
6. Student Laptops
 - a. Skott brought up the issue of computer labs on campus having difficulty maintaining upgrade (5-year timeline) with various Adobe programs.
 - b. He described the plan at SDSMT where students are required to purchase a laptop for use in their courses.

- c. Issues with maintaining laptops and the workload increase related to such a program on IT was discussed.
- d. Concerns were raised about selecting a laptop that would benefit students in all programs.
- e. Nancy proposed sending an email to faculty to see what support such a program might have.

Parthasarathi Nag made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Laura. The meeting was adjourned at 4:44 PM.

Minutes recorded by Brian Eberhard and Katrina Jensen

Next Meeting: November 2, 2022