

Black Hills State University
Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes for April 7, 2021
Meeting via Zoom

Attendance: Cheryl Anagnopoulos, Skott Chandler, David Crawford, Susan Dana, Brian Eberhard, Jim Hess, Katrina Jensen, Parthasarathi Nag, Nancy Roberts, and Louise Yoho.

Guests: President Nichols and Provost Romkema

Student Senator: President Juliana Nielson

Meeting called to order at 3:15 PM via zoom.

1. Minutes of the March 17th, 2021, meeting were approved. The motion to do so was proposed and seconded by Cheryl Anagnopoulos and Nancy Roberts. The motion passed unanimously.
2. President Nichols provided the following updates:
 - a. The previously formed task force for overloads and adjunct hiring will be temporarily placed on hold. The President explained that over the course of the summer there will be an in-depth examination of the current practices of the adjunct/overload usage and the budget overrun. Once the data is collected and analyzed, a plan will be created and implemented. At that point, it will be appropriate for the task force to reconvene.
 - b. BHSU has recently received an RFP (request for proposal) from EAFB for the opportunity to provide on-base and online programs. The proposal will be submitted soon.
3. Provost Romkema provided the following updates:
 - a. The strategic enrollment plan will be finalized soon with implementation to follow.
 - b. The next Academic Affairs Huddle will be held on Thursday, April 15th.
 - c. The student awards event will be held tomorrow night at the Young Center.
 - d. There are several camps planned for the summer to be held at BHSU. Such camps include Camp Invention, Photography, Creative Writing, and Entrepreneurship. In addition, Dean Amy Fuqua is organizing a festival of lectures to be held at the Joy Center.
4. Updates from Student Senate President, Juliana Nielson:
 - a. The Student Senate is addressing the issue of how to best communicate with the student body given that the e-updates will no longer be used. This information will be disseminated to students by posting it on the student portal platform.
 - b. A Family Feud event is planned and many prizes will be given out.

5. Curriculum items were considered next.

SEED 416: Career and Technical Education Methods – New Course Request
SPED 695: Practicum - Minor Course Modification
Minor in English - Substantive Program Modification
Minor in English/Teaching - Substantive Program Modification
BSED Mathematics – Substantive Program Modification

Parthasarathi Nag and Cheryl Anagnopoulos moved and seconded a motion to approve all five proposals. The Senate voted to approve unanimously.

6. Jim Hess discussed the upcoming Senate elections. The following senators will be handling the elections for each college:

Nancy Roberts – CEBS
Susan Dana – CBNS
Skott Chandler – COLA

The elections should be concluded before the next Senate meeting so that officer elections can be held at that time.

7. The next Senate meeting will be held via zoom on Wednesday, April 21st at 3:15 p.m.
8. David Crawford and Louise Yoho moved and seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion to adjourn was approved unanimously at 4:10 p.m.

Minutes recorded by
Susan Dana, Secretary