

**Black Hills State University**  
**Faculty Senate Meeting**  
**Minutes for September 1, 2021**  
**Meeting via Zoom**

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

**Guests:** President Nichols, Interim Provost Carriveau, and Keegan Baatz (Student Senate President)

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

1. Welcome New Senators: Dr. Berberick, Dr. Colmenero-Chilberg, and Dr. Moore
2. Update from President Nichols
  - a. Census date is September 3, 2021. Currently down 58 students compared to last year. We continue to enroll dual-enrollment students. Ellsworth campus has been open a few days and have enrolled 4 students and they continue to enroll students. We are short about 1400-1500 student credit hours. Final numbers will be released by the BOR on September 24<sup>th</sup>.
  - b. Ellsworth Base “Campus” began this fall after 15-year absence. Expecting to teach five eight-week courses this fall. In the spring, we will run two sessions, possibly about 12 courses.
  - c. Working on mission changes at our Rapid City campus. Changes are driven by SD senate bill 55. Adding a health/science program component focused on health science and setting up a substantial nursing education center. Planning for major remodeling of the center is underway.
  - d. Senate bill 55 task force concluded work in June. Report crafted in August but not yet released. Town hall meetings will take place in the future. Spearfish Town Hall scheduled for September 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.
  - e. Working on two searches: Director of Marketing interviews set for September. Schedules to be sent to faculty soon. Website redesign will be a focus for this new person. The second open position is for Provost. The search for this position will begin soon.
  - f. The university currently has about 1,500 COVID tests (saliva tests). Results available in about 24 hours. To be used for mass testing and sentinel testing events. Mass testing results: 28 tests; 1 positive and 27 negatives. Currently conducting symptomatic testing every day on campus in student health. Tests are free. If cases continue to run higher, BOR will make the decision on mask mandate/no mask mandate. We cannot require students to disclose information about vaccination or testing. We must rely on self-reporting. Administration meets weekly about COVID and current data. Students are asked to fill out self-report form which is sent to Jane Klug. Faculty are notified, if applicable. Contact tracing is attempted through the Department of Health.

- g. Requested Faculty Senate update committee membership for Fall 2021/Spring 2022.
3. Update from Interim-Provost Carriveau
    - a. Suggested considering recommendations to keep or eliminate the academic planning committee due to inactivity. Committee charged with 7-year program review. The committee has not met for at least 3 years. The assessment committee could take over responsibilities. Sought input from Dr. Roberts and others. No significant concerns noted. Dr. Moore requested more information about the committee's responsibilities before voting on recommendations. Nag moved to vote to recommend keeping the academic planning committee, seconded by Susie. The motion failed.
  4. Library Committee
    - a. Nancy asked senators to discuss making recommendations to keep or eliminate the library committee. She was told that the committee had not met in years and was having difficulties finding individuals willing to serve.
    - b. A discussion was had, and a decision was made to put the committee into a state of hibernation, survey faculty on their opinions on the committee, and discuss with Scott Ahola what direction the committee should take, if any.
  5. May 5, 2021, Minutes:
    - a. Nag made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Susie. The motion passed unanimously.
  6. Student Senate:
    - a. The president of student senate was present at the meeting but had to leave before having a chance to give an update.
    - b. Nancy said she would allow him to speak first at the next meeting.
  7. Adjunct and Overload Budget Concerns:
    - a. Concerns over the adjunct and overload budget were raised.
    - b. The faculty senate asked Nancy to invite Don Coble to attend faculty senate to discuss concerns and answer questions.

Nag moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:30 PM, seconded by Skott. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes recorded by  
Brian Eberhard and Katrina Jensen