

**Black Hills State University
Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes for February 17, 2021
President's Conference Room
(Student Union Building)**

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

Guests: President Nichols, Provost Romkema, and Corinne Hansen

Student Senators: President Juliana Nielson and VP Julianne Graham

Meeting called to order at 3:15 PM.

1. A motion to approve the agenda with modifications was moved and seconded by Cheryl Anagnopoulos and Nancy Roberts. Motion to approve the agenda passed unanimously.
2. Minutes of the February 3, 2021, meeting were approved. The motion to do so was proposed and seconded by Cheryl Anagnopoulos and Nancy Roberts. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Updates from President Nichols:
 - a. Senate Bill 171 is a proposal for a need-based scholarship program for South Dakota students. The Governor has recommended this program which would have a significant impact for students.
 - b. Searches are currently underway for two senior administrative leadership positions. Those positions are for the athletic director and director of marketing.
4. Provost Romkema provided the following updates:
 - a. The next Academic Affairs Huddle will be held tomorrow, February 18th at 3:30 pm.
 - b. Last fall a task force was created by President Nichols to review the topics of overloads and the use of adjuncts at BHSU. The task force recently submitted two guidelines and a policy for the President's review. The President will meet with the task force next month for discussion.
 - c. Nineteen curriculum proposals, approved by the Senate during the last meeting, were recently submitted to the Board of Regents.

5. Corinne Hansen, Director of University and Community Relations provided the following updates:
 - a. A new logo has been chosen for BHSU. Corinne stated that a survey was available for faculty, staff, students, and members of the community to participate in. The results revealed fairly high satisfaction with the chosen logo.
 - b. A new logo was needed primarily due to technological changes in the digital world. The current logo, which was adopted 60 years ago, was not web compatible.
 - c. The new logo will be launched this semester using a phased in approach for printed materials.
6. Updates from Student Senate President, Juliana Nielson:
 - a. Members of the Student Senate recently met with the President and Corinne Hansen to discuss the adoption of the new BHSU logo.
 - b. The Student Senate elections will be held in March.
 - c. The Student Senate approved a resolution in support of Senate Bill 171.
7. The following policies were considered next:
 - a. 2.16: Honorary Degree
 - b. 3.9: Undergraduate Admissions
 - c. 3.10: Financial Aid-Academics Standards

Parthasarathi Nag moved to approve policies 2.16, 3.9, and 3.10. Nancy Roberts seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

- d. 4.12: Five Year Review of Administrator

Parthasarathi Nag moved to approve policy 4.12 with the following modifications:

Section 2 – Policy: At the end of the paragraph add the following sentence: “Chairs will be evaluated every other year”.

Nancy Roberts seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Parthasarathi Nag to recommend using the evaluation tool that was created by the chair evaluation committee, recognizing the freedom to modify the tool where appropriate. The motion was seconded by Nancy Roberts. The motion to approve passed unanimously.

e. 4.9: Performance Review and Evaluation

The Senate revisited policy 4.9 to review the requirements for the faculty evaluations.

8. The next Senate meeting will be held face to face on Wednesday, March 3rd at 3:15 p.m.
9. Parthasarathi Nag and Nancy Roberts moved and seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion to adjourn was approved unanimously at 5:10 p.m.

Minutes recorded by
Susan Dana, Secretary