

**Black Hills State University
Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes for November 18, 2020**

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

Guests: President Nichols and Provost Romkema

Student Senators: President Juliana Nielson and VP Julianne Graham

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

1. Minutes of the November 4, 2020, meeting were approved. The motion to do so was proposed and seconded by Cheryl Anagnopoulos and Louise Yoho.
2. President Nichols provided the following updates:
 - a. A special task force was created to study several faculty-related issues that have emerged over the past few years. Such issues include a policy on faculty overloads and a set of guidelines on the use of adjuncts. The members of the task force include Cheryl Anagnopoulos, Susan Dana, Nancy Roberts, Priscilla Romkema, and Daluss Siewert.
 - b. As part of the strategic enrollment plan, the mission statement, vision statement, and BHSU logo have been revised. President Nichols has requested that the Senate review those statements and provide feedback.
3. Provost Romkema gave the following updates:
 - a. The next Academic Affairs Huddle will be via zoom on Thursday, November 19th at 3:30 p.m.
 - b. The next Town Hall meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 23rd. Kathy Johnson will provide updates on the budget. John Allred will provide and update on enrollment.
 - c. IDEA surveys for the fall semester were discussed. The surveys should be used for personal reflection and to provide student feedback for improvement. An email will be sent out to all faculty regarding the use of the surveys.
 - d. Graduation will be held Saturday, November 21st. This is an event where masks will be required.
 - e. Faculty are encouraged to keep the students engaged over the winter break by reaching out via email.

4. Updates from Student Senate President, Juliana Nielson:
 - a. During this semester there were nine adventure weekends. As a result, approximately 250 students participated.
 - b. A social media poll was recently conducted to see how many students have registered for the spring semester. The results were that 76% had registered and 24% had not.
 - c. The Student Senate will engage in a holiday campaign for students over winter break. Students will be given many ideas for activities to do at home.
 - d. The food drive will be held during spring semester.

5. The following policies were briefly discussed. Due to the late arrival of the policies, many senators needed additional time for review. During finals week the senators will discuss and vote on each policy via email.
 - a. Academic Freedom and Responsibility
 - b. Textbook Adoption
 - c. Human Rights Complaints
 - d. Consulting Contracts
 - e. Contract, Agreement, and Memorandum of Understanding Review and Approval
 - f. Household Moving Allowance
 - g. Naming of University Facilities, Programmatic Units, or Funded Academic Honors
 - h. Assignment On- and Off-Campus Workstations
 - i. Purchasing

Cheryl Anagnopoulos moved to table the discussion and vote until next week. The motion was seconded by Nancy Roberts. Motion was approved unanimously.

6. Curriculum approval requests:

AS Paralegal – Intent to Plan a new program: The senators discussed the proposal, which included the comments from the University Curriculum Committee.

A motion to approve the proposal was made and seconded by Susan Dana and Parthasarathi Nag. Motion approved unanimously.

7. The next Senate meeting will be held via zoom on Wednesday, January 20th at 3:15 p.m.

8. Parthasarathi Nag and Cheryl Anagnopoulos moved and seconded a motion to adjourn.
Motion to adjourn was approved unanimously at 4:50 p.m.

Minutes recorded by
Susan Dana, Secretary