

**Black Hills State University  
Faculty Senate Meeting  
Minutes for November 4, 2020**

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

**Guests:** Phil Peshek 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 October 21, 2020, meeting were approved. The motion to do so was proposed and seconded by Parthasarathi Nag and Nancy Roberts.
2. Phil Peshek, from the Office of Public Safety, discussed an incident that occurred on campus on September 25, 2020. Phil also met with the Student Senate to discuss the situation. The incident prompted administration to create and implement a free speech policy. Although not finalized yet, the policy will require interested parties to register with the Office of Public Safety 48 hours in advance of their event and gain approval.

Phil also reported that 380 tests were administered at the Covid testing event held earlier today.

3. Provost Romkema gave the following updates:
  - a. The Academic Affairs website has been updated to include the recorded zoom Huddles, important documents, and updates.
  - b. The next Town Hall meeting is scheduled for November 23<sup>rd</sup>. Kathy Johnson will provide updates on the budget and 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.
  - d. A request was made to have coaches send notifications to faculty regarding athletes who are going into quarantine.
4. Jim Hess gave the following updates:
  - a. President Nichols is forming a task force to address the issues of overloads and the use of adjuncts. The President requested that the senate forward the names of faculty who would be willing to serve on this task force. Cheryl Anagnopoulos, Nancy Roberts, and Susan Dana agreed to serve.

5. Updates from Student Senate President, Juliana Nielson:
  - a. To ensure the safety of faculty, staff and students, the Student Senate sent a resolution to the BOR to maintain the Covid restrictions on campus.
  - b. There will be a retreat this weekend for the student senators.
  - c. A bake sale was held earlier today and was a success.
6. At the President's request, the Faculty Senate reviewed the following proposed policy:
  - a. Freedom of Speech and Use of Institutional Facilities and Grounds for Expression & Demonstration

Cheryl Anagnopoulos moved to approve the policy. The motion was seconded by Nancy Roberts. Motion was approved unanimously.

7. Curriculum approval requests:

Parthasarathi Nag moved to approve the following curriculum items. The motion was seconded by Nancy Roberts. Motion approved unanimously.

ART 355: Digital Color Management – New Course Request

ART 466: Filmmaking for Photographers – New Course Request

ARTH 312: History of Graphic Design – Authority to offer an existing course

MCOM 458: Integrated Media Production Lab I – Existing course minor modification

MCOM 459: Integrated Media Production Lab II – Existing course minor modification

Photography Certificate – Minor program modification

BFA Photography – Minor program modification

Parthasarathi Nag moved to table the AS Paralegal – Intent to Plan a new program. The motion was seconded by Susan Dana. Motion approved unanimously. The University Curriculum Committee has voted to “recommend with concerns”. These concerns were to be outlined in a document which was to be forwarded on to the senate. This document was not included with the proposal. Once received, the senate will consider the proposal.

8. The senate reviewed a faculty guide to Covid related policies on campus that was created by Nancy Roberts and Susan Dana, approved by Sara Gottlob. The provisions were discussed, and it was decided that Nancy Roberts will share the document with Pam Cariveau for dissemination to faculty.
9. Skott Chandler revealed several possible logos for BHSU to adopt. The senate provided feedback.
10. Jim Hess reported that during the previous administration he had served on a committee whose charge was to develop a tool to evaluate department chairs. Although approved, the chair evaluation process was never implemented. Jim will forward the senators the

information that was compiled by this committee. This will be an agenda item at a Faculty Senate meeting next semester.

11. The next Senate meeting will be held via zoom on Wednesday, November 18th at 3:15 p.m.
12. Parthasarathi Nag and Cheryl Anagnopoulos moved and seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion to adjourn was approved unanimously at 5:15 p.m.

Minutes recorded by  
Susan Dana, Secretary