Black Hills State University  
Faculty Senate Meeting  
Minutes for February 3, 2021

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

**Guest:** 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 January 20, 2021, meeting were approved. The motion to do so was proposed and seconded by Parthasarathi Nag and Nancy Roberts.

2. Updates from Student Senate President, Juliana Nielson:
   
   a. A social media poll was recently conducted to obtain feedback on the new logo designs. A meeting is set up with the Marketing Department to discuss the results.
   
   b. Students have reported that they are confused about the discipline fee. Additional information will be placed on the website for students to access.
   
   c. A discussion on the mask policy revealed that there appears to be many violations across campus. Provost Romkema will further examine the issues.
   
   d. The Student Senate elections will be held in March.

3. Provost Romkema provided the following updates:

   a. The next Academic Affairs Huddle will be held tomorrow, February 4th at 3:30 pm.
   
   b. The next Town Hall Meeting is scheduled for February 9th at 3:00.
   
   c. The Spearfish Middle School is in need of judges for the upcoming Science Fair.

4. Updates from Jim Hess:

   a. President Nichols would like a policy on the awarding of an honorary degree. It was agreed that discussions should commence this fall.
   
   b. Policy 2.5: Student Academic Misconduct was discussed next. Parthasarathi Nag made a motion to approve the policy and Skott Chandler seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.
c. **Five Year Review of Administrator: Policy 4:12** – The Senate discussed the need for this policy to include a review of chairs. Skott Chandler made a motion to review chairs on an annual basis. The motion was seconded by Nancy Roberts. The vote to approve was unanimous.

The Senate will revisit this policy to add specific language to include the chair review.

5. Curriculum approval requests:

1. OE 295 Existing Course: Minor Modification
2. OE 200 New Course Request
3. OE Adventure Education Certificate – Minor Program Modification
4. OE Major – Minor Program Modification
5. OE Minor – Minor Program Modification
6. RECR 420 Community Recreation – Existing Course: Minor Modification
7. RECR 242 Outdoor Skills – Existing Course: Minor Modification
8. BS Professional Accountancy – Minor Program Modification
9. ACCT 360 Accounting Systems – Authority to Offer Existing Course
10. ACCT 361 Accounting Computer Applications – Revised Course Request: Unique Course
11. BA Tourism and Hospitality Management
12. BS Business Administration – Substantive Program Modification
13. Accounting Minor – New Baccalaureate Degree Program
15. BIOL 160 Natural History of the Black Hills – New Course Request
16. MUAP X60/x61 Applied Music – Music Composition – Authority to Offer Existing Course
17. BIOL 360/L Silviculture and Forest Management and Lab – New Course Request
18. BIOL 460/L Evolutionary and Ecological Plant Physiology and Lab – Revised Course Request
19. Forest and Grassland Ecology – New Specialization

A motion to approve all nineteen curriculum proposals was made and seconded by Parthasarathi Nag and Cheryl Anagnopoulos. Motion approved unanimously.

6. The next Senate meeting will be held via zoom on Wednesday, February 17th at 3:15 p.m.

7. Cheryl Anagnopoulos and Nancy Roberts moved and seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion to adjourn was approved unanimously at 4:30 p.m.

Minutes recorded by
Susan Dana, Secretary