

BFCC
Minutes
December 2, 2024

Meeting called to order at 3:05pm

Members present: Nathan White, Melissa Schiel, Natasha Lindsey, Mary Radeke

Approve minutes from 11/25/2024

Chair report:

Mary sent the finalized NTT Feedback Poll to EC.

EC report:

No report

Charges:

BFCC 24-25.03

- **(Fall)** Add language to either Code and/or Bylaws recommending that chairs not serve as senators if other department faculty are willing and able to serve.

BFCC added the following language to Faculty Bylaws:

Section I. Membership and Procedure for Election, B. Nomination and election

2. It is recommended that department chairs not serve as senators if other TT/T faculty members in that department are willing to serve.

Nathan moved to vote, Melissa 2nd, all were in favor.

BFCC 24-25.4

- **(Winter)** Modify the complaint process outlined in Code IV.G to require EC members to recuse themselves when issues or grievances are brought forward from their own departments.
 - o Potential conflict of interest for EC members to discuss faculty issues/complaints from their own departments.

BFCC added the following language to Faculty Code, Section IV. FACULTY SENATE, G. External Senate Procedures for the Protection of Faculty Rights and Responsibilities, 1. Complaint Policy and Procedures, d. Complaint Process

vi. The complaint will be delivered to all members of the EC at the next scheduled EC meeting. Due to potential conflicts of interest, EC members will be required to recuse themselves when issues or grievances are brought forward from their respective academic department or, in the case of the library senator, the library.

Nathan moved the vote, Natasha 2nd, all were in favor.

Adjourned at 3:39pm

Status Report

In progress

Completed

Motion before Senate

BFCC 24-25.01

- **(Fall)** Modify Code/Bylaws to reflect the upcoming change from two NTT senators to four NTT senators, determining appropriate representation, term limits, and eligibility requirements.

NTT Faculty Feedback Poll completed. Waiting for EC to authorize dissemination.

BFCC 24-25.02

- **(Fall)** Add a section to either Code and/or Bylaws that itemizes senator responsibilities (e.g. attendance, disseminating accurate reports and information back to departments) and possible senate actions if these responsibilities are grossly neglected.

Senate Feedback poll completed and disseminated to senators.

BFCC 24-25.03

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Language drafted and sent to EC.

BFCC 24-25.4

- **(Winter)** Modify the complaint process outlined in Code IV.G to require EC members to recuse themselves when issues or grievances are brought forward from their own departments.

Language drafted and sent to EC

BFCC 24-25.05

- **(Winter)** Modify Faculty Code, Appendix B to allow self-nominations for the Distinguished Faculty Award.

BFCC 24-25.06

- **(Winter)** Investigate possible ways to reduce the time requirements of the Distinguished Faculty Award application process without compromising the integrity of the awards. Make recommendations as appropriate.
 - **Natashia** – clarify with EC – does “time requirement” refer to eligible time teaching or time with regard to the application timeline, or... ?

BFCC 24-25.07

- **(Spring)** Clarify eligibility for and benefits of emerit status in Faculty Code, Section I.B.2

BFCC 24-25.08

- **(Spring)** Modify Code to remove references to the University Centers having senators (e.g. Code IV.B.1.a.iii, Code IV.E.7.a)

- Waiting until NTT feedback poll has been returned to submit motion to Senate. Will be combined with **BFCC 24-25.01**

BFCC 24-25.09

- **(ongoing)** Recommend revisions to Code and Bylaws to improve clarity and fix typos and errors.

BFCC 24-25.10

- (Winter) Update Code and Bylaws to change the Budget and Planning Committee's name to the Budget Transparency Committee. Consult with the Executive Committee to update the committee's purpose and composition as appropriate.