

BFCC
Minutes
November 4, 2024

Meeting called to order at 3:07pm

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

Minutes from 10/28/2024 approved. Melissa motioned to approve, all were in favor.

Chair report:

Mary withdrew the following motion (below) from the Faculty Senate 11/5/24 agenda in order to solicit NTT faculty feedback on the language. BFCC will create a survey to use for this feedback.

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.

EC report:

Natasha referenced an email that she sent with corrections to the Senator Responsibilities Poll. These changes were made and sent to Peter for review.

Charges:

BFCC reviewed and provided feedback on the first draft of the NTT faculty feedback poll that Mary started for the new Code language regarding the two new NTT Senator positions. This poll will be used to gather NTT faculty feedback on the language for the additional NTT senators, eligibility, term, and term limits.

Corrections to the poll:

Introduction:

- Clarification of the number of senator positions and the current number of positions.
- Trimmed down to be more succinct. We will add the length of time the survey will take once we have it completed.
- Made it clear that this is a draft and that we are collecting feedback before it is voted on in Senate.

Block 1:

- Added original language from Code and a separate section for proposed language.
- Natasha will clarify who will be funding these new senator positions (Provost or President).
- Clarified what will be open to discussion and what is beyond our control.

BFCC will begin editing from question 4 to the end.

Mary will send a link to the survey to all BFCC members.

Adjourned at 3:58pm.

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.

Working on NTT faculty feedback poll.

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.
 - BFCC discussed poll for senators to identify what they believe their responsibilities are.
 - EC sent corrections, BFCC incorporated changes on 10/28.
 - Mary sent poll to EC for review on 10/29.

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 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.

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.