

**Williston State College Faculty Senate Minutes - Approved**  
**January 30, 2026 - 8:15am**  
**Stevens Hall 114**

**Chair/President:**

Katie Renville

**Members:**

Jessalyn Obenchain

Amanda Davis

Hunter Erickson

Keri Fedler – Jamie Radway fill in

Kari Lesmeister

Wyatt Olson

Richard Stenberg

Susan Zimmerman

Staff Rep-Ashley Kaneko

Student Rep - Neil Person - absent

**1.) Call Meeting to Order** – *by Katie Renville at 8:16AM*

**2.) Minutes from December** – *tabled until next meeting*

**3.) Old Business**

- a. Rank and Tenure Procedure/605.12 Academic Freedom and Tenure – *Members discussed the current changes to update the procedure, along with looking at old WSC documents that were the updated in 2018 to ensure that changes are in agreement with SBHE policy. Further discussion will be picked up next at the next meeting once we have more information from SBHE updates/policy changes.*
- b. Tobacco Policy Feedback from Executive Cabinet – *This policy was designed to create a healthier campus with cleaner air. Staff Senate and Student Senate approved and supported the policy. Faculty Senate reviewed the policy.*

**4.) New Business:**

- a. New Arts and Humanities Senators – *A vacant position needed to be filled; Wyatt Olson volunteered to sit on Faculty Senate.*
- b. Business and Trades Supervisor Position – *Concerns were brought forward from the Business and Trades Department regarding lack of a direct supervisor to inform them on instructional cabinet updates, lack of paperwork*

*signing/approvals, and overall lack of communication from admin and from State CTE for business and trades. Without a direct supervisor, faculty observations either haven't been taking place or have been delayed, syllabi haven't been reviewed, and necessary State CTE documentation for advisory boards, clubs, etc for business and trades may not been happening. This has been an ongoing issue since been a consistent CTE director for business and trades for several years. Other concerns were brought forward about creating new CTE programs (electrical, UAS) without a CTE director for this area. Faculty members would like an interim CTE director/dean in place while the search for a new TrainND/CTE Director is in process. Richard Stenberg made a motion to urge the administration that this oversight needs to be taken care of, and an interim direct supervisor needs to be appointed, Hunter Erickson 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor, motion approved.*

**5.) Other Business**

- a. Next meeting time – 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Friday at 8:15AM, February 27<sup>th</sup>.

**6.) Adjournment – by Katie Renville at 9:20AM**