

Williston State College Faculty Senate Minute
August 21st
10am, Stevens Hall 114

Chair/President:

Katie Renville

Members:

Jessalyn Bachler

Amanda Davis

Hunter Erickson

Keri Fedler

Kari Lesmeister

Logan Rutledge

Richard Stenberg

Susan Zimmerman - absent

Staff Rep-Carol Campbell

Student Rep- Neil Person- absent

- 1) **Call Meeting to Order** – *by Katie Renville at 10:02AM*
- 2) **Minutes from April 2025** – *Hunter Erickson moved to approve the April Minutes, Richard Stenberg 2nd. All in favor, minutes approved.*
- 3) **Old Business**
 - a. Tenure/Faculty Evals 605.1 policy potential changes discussion – *The policy needs to be updated further to reflect that there will be three voting administrators and three voting faculty members in order to have equal voting administrators and faculty members on the committee, according to state policy. Kari Lesmeister moved to approve the updated policy, Richard Stenberg 2nd. All in favor, motion passed.*
- 4) **New Business:**
 - a. Faculty Senate Rep to Replace Gail R. Kari L. – *Gail Rassakka can no longer sit on Faculty Senate due to her new Dean position, Kari Lesmeister took her seat on Seante.*
 - b. Faculty Senate Makeup/New Divisions New Bylaws - *Due to the new restructuring of faculty and departments, the faculty makeup of Faculty Senate needs to be adjusted. With now having three divisions (Academic Transfer, Allied Health, Business + Trades), two faculty minimum from each division must be on Senate, however based on size more members from each division may be needed. The discussed options include: two faculty per division (6 in total) or a pro-rated increase as faculty numbers increase in each division with two minimum per division. Further discussion will be held in faculty council.*
 - c. Officer Nominations and Selection for VP – *Suzan Zimmerman nominated Amanda Davis for Faculty Senate VP, Hunter Erickson 2nd. Nominations ceased, all in favor.*

- d. Executive Cabinet Rep for Fall 25 – *It was recommended that one of the Deans attends and reports out to faculty. Senate would like to invite Dr. Hirning to our next meeting to discuss his cabinet makeup to decide what roll faculty/deans need to have.*
- e. Meeting Schedule for Fall 25 – *Third Friday of the month, 8:30-9:30AM.*

5) Other Business

6) Next Meeting:

7) Adjournment – *by Katie Renville at 10:56AM*