

Williston State College Faculty Council Minutes - Pending
August 21, 2025 1:00pm
Stevens Hall 114

Chair/President:

Katie Renville

- 1) **Call the Meeting to Order** – by *Katie Renville at 1:00PM*
- 2) **Approval of Previous Minutes (April 25, 2025)** – *Richard Stenberg moved to approve the April minutes, Hunter Erickson 2nd. All in favor, minutes approved.*
- 3) **PREVIOUS BUSINESS**
 - a) **Faculty Handbook** – *The handbook is still work in progress, many other items have taken precedence over the handbook but there is hope it can be picked up this year. Possibly headed up by the new Deans.*
- 4) **NEW BUSINESS**
 - a) **Welcome New Faculty** – *Katie introduced new faculty members to Council and discussed the purpose of Council, along with what we will be covering this year.*
 - b) **Tenure Policy 605.1** - *Changes that the Faculty Senate to the policy were noted in green. Overall, 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. Matt Peterson moved to approve the changes, Wyatt Olson 2nd. All in favor, motion passed.*
 - c) **Faculty Senate Membership Makeup** - *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 and 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 at 25% (1 per every 4 faculty) as faculty numbers increase in each division with two minimum per division and maximum of four. Alex Kovalev moved to approve the change to read that Faculty Senate Membership use a pro-rated increase at 25% (1 per every 4 faculty) as faculty numbers increase in each division with two minimum per division and maximum of four, Susan Zimmerman 2nd. All in favor, motion passed.*
 - i) **Committee Memberships** – *Faculty committees were updated with new faculty and to replace the Deans on the Faculty Committee spreadsheet.*
- 5) **OTHER BUSINESS**
- 6) **ADJOURNMENT** – by *Katie Renville at 1:55PM*
- 7) **NEXT MEETING** – **TBD**

Faculty Present:

Matt Peterson

Jessalyn Bachler

Maren Furueth

Wendy McGinley

Kari Lesmeister

Richard Stenberg

Suzan Zimmerman

Amanda Davis

Alex Kovalev

Yulia Kovaleva

Leah Windnagle

Louisa Radigk

Logan Rutledge

Wyatt Olson

James Skinner

Amanda Skinner

Hunter Erickson

Ryan Freels

Keri Fedler

Diane Anderson

Jamie Radway

Danielle Sietz

Wanda Meyer

Tim Delorme

Michelle Eslinger – guest

Steve Grunenwald - Excused