

**Williston State College Faculty Senate Minutes - Pending**  
**March 27th 8:15am**  
**Stevens Hall 114**

**Chair/President:**

Katie Renville

**Members:**

Jessalyn Obenchain

Amanda Davis

Hunter Erickson

Keri Fedler

Kari Lesmeister – Gail Raasakka in place

Wyatt Olson

Richard Stenberg

Susan Zimmerman

Staff Rep -Ashley Kaneko - absent

Student Rep - Neil Person

1. **Call Meeting to Order** – *by Katie Renville at 8:15AM*
2. **Approval of Minutes from February** – *Richard Stenberg moved to approve the minutes, Susan Zimmerman 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor, minutes passed.*
3. **Old Business**
  - a. 605.1 Policy – *This was updated in 2024; the only change that we are making is a note saying that post-tenure review is now a part of our policy. Amanda Davis moved to approve the motion with the change, Suzan Zimmerman 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor, motion passed.*
  - b. Rank and Tenure Procedure – *This was also updated in 2024; the only changes we are making is to ensure we are following the SBHE policy for tenure qualifications, along with including the post-tenure review information in the procedure. The post-tenure review information outlines the process for post-tenure review, in accordance with the new SBHE policy. There was discussion among faculty that took part in the post-tenure review revolving around some difficulties due to this being the first year that the process took place. Some changes were made from this feedback. We will pick this back up at the next meeting when we get more feedback from instructional cabinet.*
  - c. 605.12 Academic Freedom and Tenure Policy – *Also pick this up when we get more feedback.*

**4. New Business**

- a. Mace Carrier for Graduation – *Amanda Davis moved that we have nominees including Bob, Wendy, Richard, and Diane (in this order), Wyatt Olson 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor, motion passed.*
- b. Rank and Tenure member to replace Maren starting Fall 2026 – *Leah Windnagle will be asked to take Maren's place on the Rank and Tenure Committee.*
- c. Schedule Council Meeting – *April 21st*

**5. Other Business**

- a. Faculty Handbook Update – *Katie Renville is going to have an additional contract to work on it this summer with the Deans, VPAA, HR, etc., in addition to advising.*

**6. Next Meeting Time - April 17th**

**7. Adjournment – by Katie Renville at 9:14 AM**