Williston State College  
Faculty Senate - Emergency Meeting  
November 4, 2022  
5:00 pm, Nursing Wing Rm

Attendance:
Wendy McGinley  Kari Lesmeister  Gail Raasakka  
Matt Peterson  Lynne Raymond  Derek VanderMolen  
Tim DeLorme- via Teams  
Amanda Davis- via Teams

Meeting called to order at 5:06pm by Wendy M. – Faculty Senate President

1. Wendy began meeting with discussing Overload policy from last meeting,
   a. It was reviewed that this meeting had been requested to discuss the email
      regarding formation of an AdHoc Committee to review other NDUS institution’s
      Overload policies without consulting with the entire Faculty Senate on the
      matter.
   b. Derek V. agreed the decision had been made outside of proper procedure and
      withdrew the proposal of creating an AdHoc Committee.

2. Discussion began with concerns about Wendy jumping chain of command regarding
   Overload policy
   a. Wendy admitted jumping the chain to talk with VPs at other institutions and
      contacting HLC-related that had been taken care of in meeting with her
      Department Chair and Kim Wray.
   b. Wendy explained she had emailed a contact on HLC website trying to verify
      faculty qualifications to teach- is it HLC or WSC policy? This was done after
      Faculty Senate meeting on Oct. 18th when discussion regarding an Overload
      policy was tabled.
   c. Wendy related Dr. Hirning told her to contact Lisa Johnson regarding this issue
      i. It was verbally noted that this information had not been relayed in the last
         meeting nor reflected in the minutes as to what Dr. Hirning said.
   d. Discussion went back to Wendy’s actions after the last Faculty Senate meeting
      with focus on her position as Faculty Senate President seemed to be used to gain
      information for personal reasons.
      i. Concerns were raised about her using her role in that way and appearing
         not to let the issue go.
   e. Wendy related she brought the issue initially to senate on behalf of 2 other
      faculty and related she also wanted to teach the UNIV course.
   f. Wendy stated that Kim Wray was in the loop about all the actions that have
      taken place to date.
   g. Discussion ensued as to her actions may have put a “target” on WSC regarding
      faculty qualifications for teaching transfer courses and that the issue had been
      tabled at the last meeting, but she had continued to pursue it.
h. Wendy was asked if she would be willing to step down- Wendy asked if there was a consensus and Derek ask if everyone was willing to vote- then Wendy stepped down voluntarily at 5:26pm.
   i. Vice President -Derek VanderMolen stepped up to run the remainder of meeting.
3. Motion was made by Gail R. for Derek to be Faculty Senate President; Matt P. seconded the motion, No Discussion ensued, Motion carried.
4. Matt P. made motion for another meeting to be held at 5:30 pm today to discuss Overload policy, Amanda D. seconded. Discussion on resend AdHoc Committee request. Motion carried
5. Meeting adjourned at 5:29 pm