

Members Present: Tracy Chisholm, Keri Keith, Amy Koehler, Laura Halvorson, Susan Indvik, Shubham Datta, Rodney Armstrong, Travis Rybchinski, Tara DeCrans, Kayla O'Toole, Linda Burbidge, Beth MacDonald, Keith Knudson, Lexi Kvasnicka-Gates, Scott Johnson, Zahra Moss, Janelle Green, Angie Bartholomay, Mike Smith, Erin Williams, Mark Lacroix, Ashley Pedie, Nicole Burke, Val Rivera, Paige Baade, Trish Nelson, Zahra Moss, Reed Loucks, Larry Brooks, Laura Halvorson, Gary Albrightson

Guests Present: Dr. Jerry Migler, Craig Buxton, Corey Gorder

Approval of Minutes – None

Students Leaving Early — Open Discussion

- Discussion over many students wanting to leave DCB early and not return until (hopefully) spring semester.
- Canadians who go home must quarantine 14 days in Canada and then come back and quarantine.
- Volleyball and softball players expressed emotional reasons for leaving.
- Keri discussed how our rule is to finish the semester in person. Whatever we decide, we need to be consistent.
- Canadians want to leave by Dec. 9 so that they can rejoin their family by Christmas Eve (due mandatory 14-day quarantine).
- Nursing needs to stay face-to-face and it is unfair to “punish” the nurses for choosing their degree path.
- Instructors have received messages from quarantined students who are home/heading home and are going to join virtually.
- Instructors are essentially being asked to teach both online and face-to-face if we allow students to go home. This is a workload that is above and beyond.
- Volleyball, softball, and baseball are the athletic teams that this seems to be impacting most.
- We need a process for what to do.
- Athletics will lead this initial group of concerns. Coaches will talk with players with an advisor in attendance. The coaches and advisors will emphasize that staying on campus is best for grades and eligibility. If a student still wants to leave early, the student will work with instructors. The instructor is not expected to provide additional accommodation to students if they are leaving for non-COVID related reasons.
- Students requesting to leave will be asked to complete a form/agreement with all instructors, advisor, and coach (if applicable) and hand into Director of Advising and Registrar. This form will be a responsibility of the student and can be found with their coach, advisor or on the COVID website. If the form cannot be completed face to face, it can be scanned and emailed. Laura will make a form up a form and it will be sent to all faculty for a vote. Once passes, it will be available for students.
- Via email motion was made by Erin with edits to the form changing the form name adding the word "Covid-19" or such to make clear this is not a policy change for future semesters. This is a faculty response to a health emergency. With the edits below.
 - change "updated grade" to "current grade" in the first * at the bottom of page 1
 - wording change to ** “This request must be used for students requesting to leave campus prior to December 4th, 2020 and complete the semester via an alternate delivery method. Any requests after that date must follow the Final Exam Policy and Procedure found in the Student Handbook.”
 - Wording change to *** “The Registrar and Director of Advising will keep the completed form on file.”
- Susan seconded the motion via email. No other discussion, but not enough pass votes were emailed. Motion failed.

Dakota College at Bottineau
Faculty Senate Special Meeting
Thursday, November 5, 2020, 11:50am



Erin made motion to adjourn at 1:02pm Linda seconded; Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Lexi Kvasnicka-Gates and Laura Halvorson