

Board of Trustees Meeting



North Carolina
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Faculty Senate Report

Friday, December 6, 2019
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
ETC Music Suite

Cheryl Gann, Faculty Senate President

Report of the Faculty Senate President

Since the last report, the Faculty Senate met on Monday, October 21 and Monday, November 18. The next Faculty Senate meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 16.

- The BOT has approved reforms of teaching awards procedures and categories (e.g. classroom engagement and service to school). The new procedures will provide more flexibility in deciding awards and more transparency in applications, especially due to current efforts to digitize the process. A Faculty Senate subcommittee worked with Angela Teachey on updating the teaching awards committee procedures and expectations.
- The Faculty Senate officers have continued discussing the opportunities and challenges associated with developing a future operating structure and leadership model that can effectively incorporate faculty on the Morganton campus. These discussions have included not only the Faculty Senate, but also Dr. Roberts, Dr. O'Connor, Dr. Teachey, and Staff Senate President Crystal Woods. The Faculty Senate President's [draft](#) of a potential organizing model has been updated based on the input of faculty, staff, and administrators.
- At the Oct. 21 meeting, the Faculty Senate received an update from Justin Fleming, Taylor Gibson, and Lee Welper about the schools shift to a new Student Information System, Blackbaud. Their work was part of a subcommittee that grew out of Strategy 2 of the Strategic Plan (e.g. to adopt effective communications, data, business and administrative systems that are scalable and sustainable for our day-to-day operations). The Faculty Senate demonstrated excitement about the move from Focus to Blackbaud.
- The Faculty Senate will receive updates from an ad hoc committee that is working on revisions of the Student Code of Conduct. The first of these updates will occur at the Nov. 18 meeting — a subcommittee examining attendance policies will be sharing their ideas and discussing their progress.
- Faculty representatives are serving on the teams charged with developing implementation details following the approval of the calendar, schedule, and graduation requirements changes.
- The Faculty Senate and Staff Senate will host the second community building event of the year on Tuesday, December 3.