BSUFA Senate Minutes
Feb. 6, 2012
4:00 pm HS 107

David Benson, Chris Brown, Cheryl Byers, Laurie Desiderato, Tom Fauchald, Eric Forsyth, Dean Frost, Troy Gilbertson, Andrew Graham, Colleen Greer, Mike Hamann, Heidi Hansen, Michael Herbert, Craig Hougen, Christel Kippenhan, Tim Kroeger, Brian Ludlow, Keith Marek, Pete McDonnell, Michael Murray, Brendan McManus, Dianne Narum, Sheila Paul, Deb Peterson, Mehdi Sagheb-Tehrani, Karl Salscheider, Medhi Sheikholeslami, Kathryn Smith, Erika Svanoe, Larry Swain, Carolyn Townsend, John Truedson, Derek Webb, Jim White, Jeff Ueland

Call to order

Approval of minutes for Jan 9, 2012 C. BROWN moved to accept previous minutes. L. SWAIN 2nd. Minutes approved.

President’s Report

Rob Bollinger (tentative) – Rob will be available to attend Senate next month.

Chancellor’s SJR letter & Toolkit (PDF 2) – T. GILBERTSON explained that the Exec. Committee met last Wed. Feb. 1 and decided to bring a recommendation that BSU faculty not to participate in the forums to Senate for a vote. T. FAUCHALD moved that the BSU faculty not take part in the forums as presently presented by the Chancellor's office outside of the Meet & Confer process. Derek 2nd. Discussion. C. BROWN stated that since the Chancellor has so early in his tenure attempted to ignore the M&C process BSU faculty should not take part. Motion passed.

FYE Instruction update - T. GILBERTSON notified Senate that all FYE classes will be taught by classes.

Update on Spring Elections - D. WEBB updated Senate on the Executive Committee positions that are up for voting this spring as well as Statewide IFO. Rules Committee recommended that we take advantage of the newly available opportunity to vote electronically. He advised not to run all of the elections through electronic voting (using the statewide IFO elections as a test run and possibly the Executive Committee). IFO is paying for the electronic voting at this stage. S. GRITZMACHER voiced concern on the change in how early candidates will need to self-nominate. D. FROST explained there would still be ability for right in ballots. D. PETERSON spoke in favor of the electronic balloting. And asked about anonymity and how many state universities are participating. D. WEBB. The vendor assured the committee as to the security. All state universities are planning to participate in the IFO presidential election and most on other election levels. S. GRITZMACHER asked about the cost afterward and when there are not IFO presidential elections going on. C. BYERS spoke in favor and felt we could discuss if/how to continue after we've tested it. L. DESIDERATO asked what all is available to be voted electronically. D. WEBB all are available. J. UELAND moved for friendly amendment to do the entire spring election online. L. Swain 2nd. Motion passed. Committee recommendation passed with amendment.

moved to accept the delegates to represent the campus. L.DESIDERATO 2nd. Motion passed. (Larry Swain will also be a delegate.)

T.GILBERTSON posted the assembly resolutions for endorsement.

1). Coaching resolution. T.MOVED to endorse D.FROST 2nd.

2.) Prevent MnSCU from using tuition dollars for intercollegiate athletics. D.WEBB moved L.SWAIN 2nd. Discussion – C.HOUGEN spoke to the motion. B.LUDLOW spoke against the resolution stating physical activity contributes to academic. C.BYERS spoke against resolution because many dollars also go toward counseling and other activities and those dollars would have to also be scrutinized. J.TRUEDSON also spoke against the resolution. L.DESIDERATO also she supports the intent would encourage the writers to revise this. K. SALSCHIEIDER spoke against. Draconian to entirely wipe out funding. C.TOWNSEND asked if the students were asked about their support of this resolution. D.WEBB they weren’t asked. C.BROWN asked if it matters if we don’t vote in support – does this still move forward? D.WEBB –yes. In favor 8 opposed 17. Motion failed.

3.) Include language in contract that requires administration to pay documented moving cost for newly hired probationary and fixed-term faculty, etc. … J.UELAND moved to accept. D.WEBB 2nd 16 favor, 7 opposed. Motion passed.

4.) Maintain the miscellaneous instructional category language in Article 10, Section 1, subdivision 6. K.SCHALSHIEDER spoke in favor of the resolution. C.BROWN asked about standing resolution, J.UELAND - it will be sunsetting. J.TRUEDSON spoke in favor. Motion passed.

Search Committee results announcements and current committees-- Academic VP Search – Randy Westhoff -- Marketing Director Search – Dean Frost-- Student Development & Enrollment VP Search – Craig Hougen and Donna Palivec-- Associate VP of Enrollment and Admissions – Tom Beech –T.GILBERTSON notified Senate of the outcomes. T.FAUCHALD moved to accept all search committee participants.

PEHS rostering update-T.GILBERTSON notified Senate of the rerostering and explained the department supports the rerostering. C.KIPPENHAN explained the changes. T.FAUCHALD explained that each department would be entitled to a chair. C.HOUGAN asked for clarification of the differing chairs. T.FAUCHALD felt yes. What about Senate representation? T.GILBERTSON stated he will clarify the questions at M&C on Wednesday.

Old Business

Teacher Education update from Dean Rogers (PDF) T.GILBERTSON reported out about the updated report.

Committee Reports

Curriculum III (distributed to Senators) – T.TRUEDSON moved approval from committee. Approved.

Safety Committee Report (PDF) – Informational item distributed.
Budget Committee- T.FAUCHALD explained we were only down 2% FTE rather than 4% as reported previously. D. PETERSON voiced a concern for all the online work people are doing that is not reflected in overload. T.FAUCHALD explained 62% overhead, 38% instruction.

**New Business**

Approval of 2 Senate seats for Adjunct Faculty. T.GILBERTSON: Senate Exec. recommends Senate approve 2 seats for Adjunct Faculty. C.BROWN asked about fixed term vs. adjunct. The language needs flushing out. T.FAUCHALD asked about adjuncts being considered semester to semester. C.BYERS requested more information and clearer language. J.UELAND spoke for the motion or an amended version for non-tenure track faculty. T.KROEGER requested to include fixed-term. D.PETERSON suggested this be tabled and returned to Exec. Committee to clarify the language. M.MURRAY spoke in favor of the change. T.FAUCHALD moved to table the recommendation to be brought back for clarified language. T.KROEGER 2nd - passed.

Returned to Safety report. L.DESIDERATO recognized S. GRITZMACHER explained the problem of access with the tunnels created by the problem of using them as storage.

Adjourned 5:07

Submitted by Dianne Narum