BSUFA Senate Minutes
March 12, 2012
4:00 pm HS 107

Present: Cheryl Byers, Laurie Desiderato, Tom Fauchald, Eric Forsyth, Dean Frost, Troy Gilbertson, Colleen Greer, Mike Hamann, Heidi Hansen, Michael Herbert, Bonnie Higgins, Brian Ludlow, Christel Kippenhan, Tim Kroeger, Brian Ludlow, Keith Marek, Pete McDonnell, Brendan McManus, Dianne Narum, Sheila Paul, Debra Peterson, Mehdi Sagheb-Tehrani, Karl Salscheider, Larry Swain, John Truedson, Jeff Ueland, Derek Webb, Jim White, Sarah Young.

Call to order

Approval of minutes for Feb. 6, 2012 L.SWAIN moved, E.FORSYTH 2nd - motion passed

President’s Report

Rob Bollinger – scheduling conflict – he plans to be here next month.

Nancy Black – Presented a statement on her experience and qualifications for IFO President. Discussed the challenges to the MnSCU Universities and “Right to Work”. Nancy also stated her position on various issues within the current system and political environment.

Overload money for teaching FYE – T.GILBERTSON reported out the need for faculty to teach FYE and that there is overload money available for that. T.FAUCHALD explained that it will be difficult to argue for faculty teaching in the future if we are unable to fill those teaching positions.

Carry forward balances - T.GILBERTSON reported out that Administration will begin 50% take on budget balances beginning July 1, 2012.

FYI Open enrollment (registration). T.GILBERTSON explained that this will benefit students who have difficulty with their financial aid.

Delegate Assembly representatives

Old Business

PEHS update – T.GILBERTSON asked for an official department statement on the new PEHS roster. M. GILMAN was recognized and explained that the departments are in favor of the rerostering. T.FAUCHALD explained that Exec. Committee lost the argument to have a chair position represent the Athletic Department, but encouraged the department to elect someone to represent them to administration.

2 Senate seats for adjunct faculty - T. GILBERTSON - Exec. Committee is still working on that, it is an ongoing issue.

Committee Reports

Curriculum IV Report (attached) – S. GRITZMACHER represented Teacher Ed. Reviewed those course under their area-recommended for approval. C.KIPPENHAN represented Grad. Studies, recommended
approval for the Grad. Studies component with minor change requested for math proposal. D.PETerson spoke for Liberal Education recommending approval of the curriculum changes. Motion passed.

New Business

Liberal Education seats-Liberal Education Director D.PETerson wanted to share some changes and issues with Senate. Visual Arts and Technological Studies are forming a new department and program. The B.F.A. is no longer. The new program / curriculum packet went forth with no Liberal Education classes offered. Administration has decided that the new department needs to offer 200 seats of Liberal Education classes. The new curriculum packet is being held up. Art & Design is attempting a compromise by offering upper level courses for Liberal Education but the courses courses will be open first to majors and very few seats will actually be available to nonmajors. The Lib. Ed. Committee takes issue that Administration is demanding the teaching of Liberal Education classes. The Liberal Education Committee has drafted a motion they would like approved by Senate and forwarded to Administration-as follows:

Motion as approved by the Liberal Education Committee- “It is fundamentally wrong for the administration to force departments to participate in Liberal Education and wrong to hold curriculum changes hostages without dialogue.” B.HIGGINS spoke in favor of the motion. She stated that all Art & Design faculty felt they should be teaching Liberal Education classes, but feels they cannot do both. She explained that administration is willing to allow adjuncts to teach lower level classes offering Liberal Education seats. B. MCMANUS – Administration has not been transparent with the policies and decisions. He feels faculty should take a stronger position than just stating Administration’s position is wrong. He suggests some type of leverage. J. TRUEDSON-Also suggests some position that faculty could take a stand on. M.GILMAN was recognized – Wanted to remind faculty that this is within the Administration’s ability. C.BYERS – sees this motion as a first step, not the last step. She is hoping for further dialogue but doesn’t want to see specific curriculum specified at this point since this seems to be the beginning. J.UELAND explained the need for a teaching position, feels that is what needs to be advocated for, a faculty line. T.GILBERTSON – point of information that this is part of a larger discussion that will be raised at the next M&C. B.LUDLOW – Recommended an amendment to the language to take away the “moral” tone. B.HIGGINS recommended amending the motion to remove “dialogue”. M.GILMAN recognized – She addressed the underlying issues that many departments have lost FTE and they are all committed to their majors. C.GREER feels the need to make this statement very strong. L.DESIDERATO – question –Is this a grievable offense? – No. L. DESIDERATO encouraged a follow up from the Liberal Education Committee to encourage Administration to work with faculty to resolve the issues created from the loss of faculty. T.FAUCHALD agrees with Greer to keep the statement strong. But also wants people to realize that Administration may still cut majors. D. FROST suggested to request the resources to teach the classes requested by Administration. B.HIGGINS reminded everyone that Visual Arts has always had strong enrollment – so weak enrollment was not the reason to cut positions to that department. C.BYERS opposed the motion as it is (wording). T.FAUCHALD suggested changes. L.SWAIN suggested a move to divide the motion (pass the amended motion or not then vote on newly worded motion). B.LUDLOW ²nd. Motion passed –
First motion – “It is fundamentally incongruent for the administration to mandate departments to participate in Liberal Education and inappropriate to hold curriculum changes hostage.” MOTION FAILED.

Newly worded motion – “It is fundamentally wrong for the administration to force departments to participate in Liberal Education and wrong to hold curriculum changes hostage.” MOTION PASSED.

Senate moved to direct Exec. Committee report and directed M&C team to address this with Administration. Motion passed.

Motion to Adjourn 5:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Dianne Narum