BSUFA Senate Minutes

April 30, 2012
4:00 pm HS 107

Present: Chris Brown, Laurie Desiderato, Tom Fauchald, Eric Forsyth, Dean Frost, Troy Gilbertson, Andrew Graham, Mike Hamann, Heidi Hansen, Michael Herbert, Bonnie Higgins, Christel Kippenhan, Tim Kroeger, Brian Ludlow, Keith Marek, Brendan McManus, Michael Murray, Dianne Narum, Deb Peterson, Karl Salscheider, Medhi Sheikholeslami, Kathryn Smith, Erika Svanoe, Larry Swain, John Truedson, Jeff Ueland, Derek Webb, Jim White, Sarah Young.

Call to order

Approval of minutes for April 1, 2012 L. Swain moved to approve. K. Salscheider 2nd. Minutes approved.

President’s Report

MOA report – T. Gilbertson reported two MOAs.

Michael Murray and Dean Frost elected to Executive Committee

Confirmation of uncontested BSUFA Executive Committee positions. D. Webb moved. T. Fauchald 2nd. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

Curriculum VI Report - John Truedson presented Curriculum report. Motion to accept report passed.

New Business

Treasurer Report - T. Fauchald gave Treasurer’s report. Discussed changes in reassigned time as well as adjunct pay. Asked for questions – C. Brown asked about the downstate budget. D. Webb asked about assets. T. Fauchald explained that an old computer was sold.

Hotel Payments - T. Fauchald – Executive Committee is requesting Senate decision on whether or not to pay additional hotel fees. IFO did not pay for the extra night of 4 faculty attending delegate assembly. K. Smith stated that the email was confusing. It appeared that the extra night was ok. But realized when she arrived that the early night was not covered. B. Ludlow was also under the impression that Thurs. night was covered. M. Murray stated he would support paying the hotel expenses. C. Brown moved to pay the extra expense hotel bill. M. Murray 2nd. T. Fauchald clarified there is enough money but in the future we need to more clearly state the rules. Motion passed. C. Brown moved that going forward the BSUFA Senate that the IFO pick up the cost of an additional night for BSU delegates since we travel a greater distance to attend. M. Murray 2nd. Motion passed.

Resolution – Derek Webb presented a motion from Executive Committee to prohibit BSUFA funds from being spent on alcohol. T. Fauchald 2nd. K. Smith asked if this was consistent with other campuses. Neither T. Gilbertson nor T. Fauchald was aware what the other campus policies are. J. Ueland spoke in favor of the motion stating that BSU has less money than other campuses and should be careful of where the money is spent. C. Brown spoke in opposition to the motion stating it is sometimes a morale issue - Winona state does not have the restriction. Stated that if this is the adoption of IFO standards that is fine but it shouldn’t be ruled out. B. Ludlow spoke in favor of the motion because of public perception. E. Forsyth spoke in favor of the motion stating we need to set a good example. K. Smith spoke against since this isn’t school funds, this is IFO. D. Peterson called the question. Motion carried.
Grant procedures – T.Kroeger spoke about the grant procedures that faculty have been working on all semester. Updates were also based on feedback from a survey sent out earlier in the semester. Requesting an endorsement of the grant procedures as well as further feedback. K.Smith raised the concern of a half duty day since there is no such thing as half duty day. Would like that addressed. J.Ueland agreed with K.Smith and congratulated Tim on ---- if you have grant money today that attaches extra duty days, current practice follows - if at the end there isn’t enough money for full duty day you couldn’t have it. C.Brown suggested that D.Peterson consult with downstate on the half duty day issue. J.Ueland stated that half duty day has been past practice and outside money is handled a little different. T.Kroeger wants Senate to make a list of objectionable issues to be taken back to administration before endorsement. T.Gilbertson asked it was appropriate to have Senate endorse the grant procedures with exception of the duty day issue. D.Webb moved. To endorse the grant procedure with exception of the duty day issue. L. Desiderato 2nd. Motion passed. T. Gilbertson will talk with T.Kroeger about the duty days and bring that concern to M&C.

DARS update - Margie Thomas Giauque and Zach Johnson were recognized – Background on the Strength binder – StrengthQuest 2.0. – It has been used in the advising practices around campus and Student Success has been asked to make this available. Margie spoke with Michelle Frenzel about the possibility of making the report accessible via DARS. Margie is asking for support from Senate to implement this. J.Ueland asked for clarification that it doesn’t show up on the transcript. Margie confirmed that it does not show up on transcripts. L.Desiderato clarified that CPD would partner with faculty to help with knowing how to use the information. S.Young spoke in favor of this since students could focus on their strengths. She has used in advising and career planning. M.Sheikholeslami asked when it is used. Margie stated that they take it at the beginning of the first year at BSU. Mehdi was concerned that changes and increases in students’ abilities would not be included. M.Murray concurs that students’ abilities progress and worries that being part of the DARS report makes it permanent on the student record so he spoke against support as it would not encourage students to pursue classes that aren’t in their areas of strength. Z. Johnson explained that students are not assessed on specific program related strengths but on strengths like ability to adapt, ability to relate to others, etc. B.Ludlow expressed concerns that advising may being changed by this new development which means that professors will need to change and the advising could be more complex. He is concerned that because it will be part of DARS it will become an expect tool for advising. T.Gilbertson suggested to direct this information back to departments for comment. Margie stated there would be opportunities next fall to learn more about this. M.Murray moved to direct back to departments for comment. K.Marek 2nd. Motion passed.

Incoming BSUFA President Chris Brown – Discussed the upcoming budget issues for next year. Election year. On horizon – draft constitution for BSUFA. Possible reorganization of governance structure. Attended Statewide Board Meeting -Discussed Rosenstone’s presentation. Increase in reassign time for Grievance officer.

Adjourned 5:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Narum