BSUFA Senate Minutes
28 Jan 2013
4:00 pm HS 107

Attending: Chris Brown, Timothy Brockman, Vivan Delgado, Tom Fauchald, Eric Forsyth, Dean Frost, Andrew Graham, Heidi Hansen,, Bonnie Higgins, Craig Hougen, William Joyce, Christel Kippenhan, Tim Kroeger, Keith Marek, Brendan McManus, Mike Morgan, Tom Murphy, Mike Murray, Carla Norris-Raynbird, Kristi Nei, Sanjeev Phukan, Kathryn Smith, Erika Svanoe, Larry Swain,, Mehdi Tehrani, John Truedson, Jeffrey Ueland, Jim White, Sarah Young

Not Attending: Virgil Bakken, Pete McDonnell, Lynn Maltais, Del Lyren, Tom Beech, Dave Benson, Mike Herbert, Laurie Desiderato, Cheryl Byers, Francois Neville, Sarah Tarutis, Debbie Guelda Deb Peterson,

Call to Order at 4:02

Approval of Minutes of 14 Jan (attached): Postponed until meeting of 4 Feb.

President’s Report
Thanks go to Deb Peterson for job well done as Grievance Officer. We sent out a call for an interim grievance officer for until start of fall, 2013. Rod Witt has stepped up for his last semester. Fauchald moved, Marek seconded to approve Rod Witt as interim Grievance Officer. Carried.

Contract update. It’s done. It’s a good contract. Hard copy will be available from Pres Brown, or on ifo.org website, including summaries and FAQ. Some explanation will be coming to faculty by email as preparation for voting. We’re trying to get our contract attached to MnSCU negotiations with other bargaining units to strengthen them.

Contract voting will be by paper ballot for expedience. IFO is not using absentee ballots, so they are arranging accommodation for faculty located off campus. Twin City based faculty can vote at IFO Central Office. Watch for more info from IFO by email

Locally, we will have two informational meetings at BSU on Feb 4, at 8:00 - 9:00 North conference room and 3:30 - 4:30, HS 107. Lyren and Brown will walk through the contract. Polling is on Feb 6 and 7, at the IFO Office in Memorial, from 8:00am - 6:00 pm. We welcome volunteers to staff. We’ll count votes at 6:00 pm and report to IFO downstate as soon as complete.

University Planning Council update: UPC has been meeting and Exec has been attending the meetings as instructed by the Senate. On the Mission/Vision Group draft. Frost reported that we saw a need to rewrite mission and vision, and draft a vision with an institutional aspiration. The draft proposal is on the IFO web site, so have a look. We are looking for comments.

Reminder from President: The Senate has to weigh in on whatever the UPC reports out to the President.
Officer and Committee Reports

Budget Committee: Athletics - Fauchald. Maki has gone through the athletic budget. He gave us with the information provided to the Pioneer for their stories. Total athletic budget is $6.430m. BSU puts in $3.875m from our general budget, and that has been growing. BSU’s share is about 8.5% of our BSU budget. Intercollegiate men’s hockey ran a deficit for 2012. This is a concern because WCHA is going away. When we ask how losing WCHA affects the gate, we get no answer. There is a search in progress for a new Athletic Director.

The Budget committee has two questions for M&C. We’re concerned about what’s going to happen over the next few years, so we are asking for three scenarios of at 3 - 5 - 7 - 10 years. We’re asking for a copy of the administration's plans to address cost issues.

Enrollment: We’re going to drop below 30% appropriation. That makes us very dependent on enrollment. As enrollment drops, we get in deeper. Application is currently free, so we can no longer use application numbers for planning enrollment for the fall.

Old Business

Draft Master Academic Plan. As representatives of the faculty the Senate is obligated to provide a response to the MAP. We have some response, but some departments have not responded. President Brown clarified the process and our request for responses. AVP Tadlock asked him for the Senate response in writing. Our idea is to get a compilation we can all look at. We have requested and are compiling departmental responses. Departments can submit to AVP Tadlock through the Senate, or directly, but the Senate’s compilation is the official faculty response. Fauchald reported that Business submitted directly to AVP Tadlock and to Senate. So did math.

Higgins moved to table a review of the Senate’s response to the MAP until 4 Feb. Kippenhan seconded. Senators are requested to email their departmental responses to BSUFA by Friday, 2 Feb, to be collated into a single document for Senate approval. Carried.

Four-year Calendar. We have received no responses from Senators on the calendar. The administration is asking to respond.

Kroeger reported that there is some concern with early start dates. Older than average students have kids in classes and would like days off parallel with public school days. Marek: We made an effort to get those, and the administration were receptive, so we’ll try again. Brown: The President can change local dates, but is under pressure from MnSCU to follow MnSCU’s schedule. Exec will bring this calendar forward to M&C and express our concern about these start dates.

Senators will bring forward a resolution calling for new start dates at the Feb 4 meeting.

Adjourned at 4:45

Submitted

M C Morgan