BSUFA Senate Minutes

9 Sept 2013
4:00 pm HS 107

Attending. Tim Brockman, Cheryl Byers, Pat Conely, Tom Fauchald, Drew Graham, Daniel Guentchev, Heidi Hansen, Michael Herbert, Bill Joyce, Josefina Li, Lynn Maltais, Keith Marek, Mike Morgan, Mike Murray, Kristi Nei, Francois Neville, Judy Olson, Donna Pawlowski, Erika Svanoe, John Truedson, Sarah Young

Not attending. Andrew Hafs, Rod Henry, Tim Kroeger, Christel Kippenhan, Rich Jahner, Craig Hougen, Porter Coggins, Eric Medberry, Carla Norris-Raynbird, Sarah Tarutis, Laurie Desiderato, Tom Beech, Virgil Bakken, Vivian Delgado, Amber Fryklund

Call to order at 4:00 pm

Approval of minutes of 26 Aug 2013. Fauchald moved, Li seconded. Carried.

Fall call will be out later this week.

President's report

Brown reported on the following

Senate Rules. We reviewed the operating guidelines from last year and requested changes from the Senate. No changes have been suggested or made. Fauchald moved approval, Murray seconded. Carried.

New Initiatives brought forward by the administration. Copies of these had been distributed to the Senate

Academic Integrity Policy Changes. Changes have been made by Ludean and Guilfoile. Fauchald moved to approve. Li seconded. Herber: What minor changes have been made. Fauchald: The parties can opt out of the process if there’s agreement between the faculty member and student. There are some change in penalties. Carried.

Strategic Enrollment Management Plan. SEMP requests one representative from the faculty. Senate doesn’t have a committee to cover, this, so a request would be sent out by Exec as a call. Fauchald: We shouldn’t put anyone forward until we know the makeup of the committee. We have a charge, but not a purpose. Fauchald: Moved to send back to M&C for clarification. Brockman seconded. Carried.

Admissions Committee. Administration is requesting 4 faculty to meet weekly, with only one member serving each week. This was initially proposed to run all summer, but they cut back when we reminded them that these would need to be paid duty days. Young: I was surprised that a TRIO faculty member
wasn’t listed. We know the rules and regs. Byers: Agreed. TRIO needs to be on this committee. One hour a week is a major commitment. Fauchald moved to take it back to M&C to request a TRIO representative outside of the 4 faculty. Herbert seconded. Carried.

MnSCU Internship Forms. These are forms for students to sign to engage in internships. Byers: These are new. We’ve been using our own forms for internships. Are these required? Is their use voluntary or mandatory? Byers moved to send the matter back to M&C for clarification. Fauchald seconded. Carried.

Update on the Affirmative Action Position. We pressed very hard to make the AA interim position brief and to get a permanent AA Officer. We’re trying to get them to look at a permanent hire this spring, but they are balking. If you have problems with the interim AA position, let us know. We want to move on this soon/

BSU Strategic Planning Committee. We started this last year, and there is more coming. Hanson is in process of reconvening the SPC. As last year, members of the Exec are on the committee.

Call for Lib Ed Director was sent out today. We’re clarifying where to send it, and the makeup of the small committee who are making recommendations.

Distinctive Lib Ed Core. What the Provost means by a request for a “distinctive lib ed core” is not really clear at this moment. Brown called Peterson to speak on the point.

Peterson: Tadlock announced this request out of the blue. Lib Ed met this morning, and looked t the wording from the MAP. The Lib Ed committee will to do this work, if the Senate so approves. Tadlock wants a quick turnaround. Murray: Timeline? Peterson: There would be a full year of planning once Senate approves going ahead. Murray: I heard Lib Ed did this before. I would hate to see this again. We already have a distinctive and integrative lib ed. We have support for this already. Peterson: I’m sure your concern is shared. Fauchald: Tadlock wants to try it as long as it’s not a lot of work on Lib Ed. I don’t see a problem looking at it because we’re not looking at a proposal coming from the administration. My concern would be transfer. Byers: I’m concerned what this really means for the Lib Ed committee. I want to hear up front about a financial commitment. There are too many questions on Academic Affairs. Fauchald: What would you want to see? Beyers: Clearer direction. we struggled with this in the past and we can’t get a financial commitment to support what we have. Fauchald moved to invite Provost Tadlock to the October 7 Senate meeting to present on this issue. Byers seconded. Carried.

Update on New Positions. Brown listed the 6 new positions and replacements, and 4 positions for 80/20. Brown will have it scanned and distributed. Murray recognized McManus: We’re expecting a tenure track position to open when T Murphy retires.

Update on Professional Development Calendars. These went out to faculty. We looked at them during M&C to make they fall inside contract, and exec approved them.

Update on Chair Extra Duty Days. Chairs of departments of less than five will be receiving duty days
Update on Assessment and Adjuncts. We had hoped that the administration had developed a formula or guideline for paying adjuncts for assessment, but they haven’t yet. We hope to hear something at the next M&C. We are looking at some adjuncts who are being asked to assess, beyond grading, 160 students. Fauchald: We could ask for an association grievance.

Update on Extended Cabinet. We decided not to officially participate in this, so the administration went with an open meeting. It’s every Monday, 8:00am, at the Crying Wolf.

Campaign Update: Nielsen is extending its internship support for 4 years. They are requesting faculty on a steering committee. When they come up with a clear definition, we’ll put out a call.

Committee Reports

Brown: Rules has a lot on their plate. We need to revise the rules and the committees. This is ambitious year.

Curriculum Report I (distributed by Records). Curric does not have a chair, so there is no report. Brown will be getting chairs together.

Calendar Committee. Marek: We asked for your feedback on the 15 week teaching calendar. The most recent draft addresses split labs, and comments on clumping non-teaching days together to get more continuous time. If you have ideas or comments, the Calendar Committee is open to suggestions. They changed MEA date, are going for a week off for Thanksgiving. The five week online classes had finals fall on 4th of July. We changed that. The Committee moves to accept it as, and Mareky will bring forward comments. Senator fro Accounting: Can we split the spring into two parts? Fauchald: We do have a doubletime class. It’s not a good idea to split the semester across the campus. This can be done case by case. Hansen: We need flexibility in starting summer classes to after teachers are finished. Motion carried.

Budget Report  Fauchald: In M&C there was a request for Responsibility-Centered Budget task force. The administration is asking the task force to see if we should even do this. Right now, 43% of our costs are instructional. We’re one of the cheapest universities, but we have a big overhead. The task force's goal would be to develop a report to look at this, and under this plan will bring these overhead to the light. We also see that almost every department is making a profit. We want to ask the Senate to charge the Budget Committee to come up with a report we would then comment on. Marek: We’re being judged moneywise by what we can bring in. What is the administration being evaluated on for their money under this Responsibility-Centered budget? Fauchald: It think the administration is going to see what exactly we’re spending on what. Motion carried.

The administration has recommended that Fauchald be re-appointed to the State Oversight Committee.
Budget Committee seeks approval. Motion carried.

Governmental Relations. Fauchald: Roger Erickson is someone to be proud of for the pivotal position on the gay marriage vote. He was key. He’s going to be on campus on Wednesday. Shake his hand because he stood up. Purcell is having a fundraiser Tuesday. We’ll have to look at doing our political and union based correspondence via personal email rather than BSU email addresses. The metro plan is floating to make two of the three colleges to 4 years. There is a big concern with System of the Future trying to merge he unions. If MSCF were to hold a vote to merge unions, IFO would lose. Another issue: There is a move to give lower-division to MSCF colleges, even on one campus. There would be two departments.

Brown: We need an interim negotiator until Jeff Ueland returns, and I need to send out a call. Fauchald moved, Marek seconded. Carried.

Peterson: Announced a survey for potentially putting together a GLBT conference. Please fill it out.

Adjourned 5:11.

Submitted

M C Morgan