BSUFA Senate Minutes

4 Nov 2013
4:00 pm HS 107

Attending. Tim Brockman, Chris Brown, Cheryl Byers, Porter Coggins, Pat Conely, Laurie Desiderato, Tom Fauchald, Drew Graham, Daniel Guentchev, Andrew Hafs, Heidi Hansen, Rod Henry, William Joyce, Christel Kippenhan, Tim Kroeger, Josefin Li, Lynn Maltais, Keith Marek, Mike Morgan, Mike Murray, Kristi Nei, Francois Neville, Judy Olson, Sheila Paul, Donna Pawlowski, Sanjeev Pukan, Debra Sea, Rachele Schafer, Sarah Tarutis, John Truedson,

Not attending. Eric Medberry, Carla Norris-Raynbird, Rich Jahner, Craig Hougen, Vivian Delgado, Amber Fryklund, Janice Haworth, Sarah Young, Michael Herbert, Blanca Rivera,

Call to order at 4:00 pm.

Approval of minutes of 7 Oct 2013. Fauchald moved, Henry seconded. Carried.

President's report

Brown reminded senators that reports from committees on the Implications of Alignment are called for at the December meeting. Please submit them in writing. Department are weighing in, so and we encourage this. We have heard from Math, Business and Accounting. The more comments we bring forward, the better we'll get our message across. Contractual matters will need to be handled down state, but we still need to think through the implications locally. Henry: The deadline for tech layoff was last week but we haven't seen anything. Brown: Exec will ask about this at M&C this coming Wednesday. Kippenhan: We timed these committee reports so that we could get department feedback before presenting them to the administration. I can't present implications to my department without the committees reporting first. Brown: We have time. The report will go out to the senators to take back to the departments for comment..

Brown: On Committee participation: We're getting good return on committees. There are a few posts still open, but I've been seeking people out. Lainie is placing the current committee make-up on the BSUFA site. She's doing an excellent job making that work.

Officers’ Reports

Negotiations. Mike Murray. Revised openers were presented. We didn't anticipate a lot of progress. MnSCU is costing every line. We meet again this month, and Murray will have more to report in December.
IFO Board. Keith Marek: The most recent Board meeting wasn't very productive. The Board went through language concerning elections. The new information on elections is on the IFO website. The Board also discussed their response to the first version of the Chancellor’s Charting the Future, but we haven't seen Chancellor's revision. Fauchald: Did you talk about Business schools? Henry: This is about Charting the Future and the Business Colleges. Marek: There is something being discussed there, but it’s not clear yet. Desiderato: Is Nancy Black running again? Marek: No.

Curriculum Report II. Chair of Curriculum Pukan was not in attendance Fauchald recognized Swain to review the report. The Curriculum Committee has approved the report. Motion to accept Curriculum Report II carried.

Rules Committee. Swain. Rules has reviewed the bylaws and the constitution and discussed the shape of the BSUFA Senate. We asked senators to take this back to departments to consider: Do we continue in our current model or should we change it? Do you charge us to come up with something? Fauchald: We have a new school in nursing, and the coaches, that are complicating representation. Swain: we’re looking at other MnSCU schools. Peterson (guest): We've had departments split, so we're not being represented. Byers: I don't think the model suits what we're doing. Swain: I agree. Byers: I believe we would like to see two or three options and then have a discussion. With two or three options, I can bring it back to the department in specifics rather than generalities. That’s a motion. Fauchald: Second. Truedson: What will Rules look at? Swain: I want to open conversation, so whatever you want. Truedson: Any specifics? Swain: We could keep the same representative model but change the numbers. Or we could go with one representative per dept. Those are the two basic models. Peterson (guest): Or a general quorum of all faculty. That's the Southwest model. Fauchald: All faculty means full members. Henry: It works, but all faculty are given time off teaching for that. Truedson: Can we look at an open discussion of all faculty? I’m speaking for the motion as open to all faculty. Peterson (guest): Date? Swain: By next senate meeting, hopefully. Motion carried. Swain: We meet at 9:00 on Wednesday, HS 343. Share your ideas.

Academic Computing Committee. Marek. Report on the Effective Email Communication proposal put forward by the administration. The committee has a couple of recommendations to pass on to the administration. We disagreed with the idea of using a digest email. It’s more timely to have emails sent out regularly. The more ways you communicate, the more you're going to get info out there. Users have favorite ways of getting their info, so as long as the server isn't overloaded, why change the system. We oppose replacing as needed email with a digest. As for the fac_staff email guidelines: We are ok with most of the plan. But it calls for a three day advance notice. That conflicts with getting emails out concerning emergencies. The new recommendations also asked for writers to use Associated Press guidelines. No one on committee knows AP guidelines - and it’s asking a lot to follow that set. The more variety the merrier when it comes to messages. Henry: How about criteria for messages? Marek: That
wasn’t brought up. Brown: Thank you to the committee, and we’ll take these recommendations to M&C.

Budget. Fauchald. The latest handout has been posted to the website. It concerns how we're doing with Responsibility Accounting. Right now, 39% of our budget is for instruction; that's a reduction. It's gotten worse. NTC is as 51%. There is more pressure at BSU for Student Services, and the Student Services budget includes athletics. This is very important to get out to the rank and file: As we go into tighter budget, the percentage of budget spent on instruction is an issue. There's a lot of pressure to reduce instructional money even more. We have a lot of enrollment problems for next year. If it becomes necessary to cut, we're emphasizing not to cut instruction. Kippenhan: BSU and NTC are combined. What portion of Hansen's pay is figured in? Fauchald: He's paid by MnSCU, but a lot of services are shared. Look at dollars, not positions. The difference between them is small. The line that is important is the $41m. Brown: Are carry-forwards being used to keep us above water? We're asking at M&C. Marek: Do we know what chunk of Student Services is athletics. Fauchald No. But it's a big piece of change. Brown: Morehead is retrenching based on expected enrollments two years from now. Fauchald: We have different enrollment percentages. 39% is online. But if we have another 6% drop, we’re could be up. We have to keep it in front of administration that they don't cut instruction. NTC is short 500 FTEs right now. Brown: If I were NTC I’d want to offer my own lib ed and do it cheaper. That would save my school. The point of this is to keep you aware of what's going on.

Old Business

Options on Disability Statement. Disability statement options have been sent your way. You can use what the administration has put out, or ours, or create your own.

New Business

Henry: Departments were supposed to come up with a campus wide disaster plan. I’d move to ask to request some sort of disaster plan training at the beginning of spring, modeled on the training done at secondary schools. Fauchald seconded. Motion carried. Brown: We’ll bring this to M&C.

Adjourned 4:50 pm.

Submitted

M C Morgan