BSUFA Senate Minutes
13 Jan 2014
4:00 pm HS 107

Attending. Tim Brockman, Chris Brown, Cheryl Byers, Porter Coggins, Pat Conely, Keith Gora, Drew Graham, Daniel Guentchev, Andrew Hafs, Heidi Hansen, Janice Haworth, Rod Henry, Michael Herbert, William Joyce, Christel Kippenhan, Tim Kroeger, Josefina Li, Lynn Maltais, Keith Marek, Eric Medberry, Mike Morgan, Mike Murray, Francois Neville, Judy Olson, Sheila Paul, Donna Pawlowski, Sanjeev Phukan, Blanca Rivera, Debra Sea, Rachele Schafer, Sarah Tarutis, John Truedson, Jeff Ueland, Sarah Young

Not attending. Amber Fryklund, Tom Fauchald, Kristi Nei, Vivian Delgado, Craig Hougen, Rich Jahner

Call to order

Troy Gilbert was recognized to announce Student Scholarship and Creative Achievement Day, 9 Apr 2014. This is a non-class duty day. The website is up, and open to submissions starting 1 Feb. BSU will participate in the MnSCU State Conference the following week in Moorhead. Email questions to Troy.

Approval of minutes of 9 Dec 2013. Moved by Merek, Olson seconded. Carried.

President's Report

Brown reported on discussions at the latest M&C. Student Preparedness. Pres Hanson is requesting a task force. When we get more info we’ll bring it to Senate. Update of Student Photos on Class lists. The photos are up. They appear on D2L class lists and in the EARS area. Tech is still working on including favored names, and on class cancellation procedures. We want a way to let students know that classes have been cancelled.

Request for Approval to Conduct Research Study. In the past, the Senate has considered whether to approve external surveys of faculty. This is a request from a Ph.D. candidate regarding employee insurance details. This isn’t a survey for dissemination. Henry: It’s one thing for an article in scholarly journal rather than used for dissemination. Beyer: I say we follow procedure and either take the survey or delete it. Brown: We’ll let the student know.

Consideration of turnaround and more frequent M&C and Senate meetings. We’re required to respond to requests and plans presented at M&C within 10 days. Requests from the administration are piling up and we need to turn around quickly, and so we are looking at more frequent M&Cs and possibly more frequent Senate meetings. We don’t know where the administration is on this yet. The administration is trying to accommodate our Senate schedule, but we’re mentioning the possibility that we may need more than one Senate meeting in a month. Comments from Senators and rank and file are welcome.

Update on campus security training. We’re still waiting on more for this. We want to do it; they want to do it. We’ll let you know about it.

Review of and revisions to Dean’s Survey on academic leadership. The Dean’s designed their own assessment survey. You recently received it. Bring concerns forward to the Exec.
BSU Non-Credit and CEU Offerings: We were presented these at M&C. Your response is requested. But practice hasn’t changed.

Process and Discussions on NTC. A reminder to take Senate and committee discussions back to your departments for inclusion in our response to the administration. Pres Hanson has changed tack on a merger or realignment. The new plan is “reinventing the university” as something we will all want to participate in. Brown asked if we could invite Maki and Griggs to Senate to give us more information. There was general approval. They will be invited.

Senate Attendance. Let BSUFA know if you’re not going to be here. We track attendance with the name cards. Please use them, and let us know if there are senator changes with an email to bsufa@bemidistate.edu or any executive.

Strategic Plan Response. You recall that the Senate appointed all members of the executive committee to sit on the various Strategic Planning committees. There was note from Tadlock and Hanson on responding the current draft if the plan. We can give them a unified response or individual responses, but we have to have some kind of response. The exec can’t do it because we are on the committee. Henry moved so that senators talk to constituents, send their responses to BSUFA and to senate and voted approval up or down. Marek second. Kippenhan: Could we ask for responses? Brown: Staff is part of this, too. Beyers: We could spend too much time on this. Henry: If it’s something with this kind of activity, we can make headway. This is supposed to be a strategic plan. It’s big. We do need to look at it seriously. Motion carried. Senators: talk to constituents, send responses to BSUFA. Senate will vote. Marek: This process will check to make sure nothing falls through the cracks.

Web Design and Revision Proposal. Scott Faust of Marketing and Communication put out an RFP to outsource our next web design. White Whale is heading for the prize. Faculty was not in on the process from the RFP. Exec asked for opportunity for some input on the plan. Senators discussed the proposal, and raised concerns about lack of distinctiveness created by common voice, the structure of menus, the terminology used in menus. Beyers: This needs to be stronger than departments having a say on just content. Beyers moved that departments have final say on content, function, menu taxonomy and hierarchy. Herbert seconded. Henry: I’ve seen sites that are appallingly generic. Pawlowski: Is this site going to be distinctive? Morgan: Given what I’ve seen of the firm’s other sites, not really. Ueland: No matter how this goes, keep an eye on it. Carried.

Brown: My concern is that we have a lot of tech expertise here. As faculty, we have been through this process before. So why are we outsourcing this? and why aren’t faculty more involved at the ground level.

Committee Reports

Brown reporting for Board: We are looking for Representatives at Delegate Assembly, Mar 28 and 29, in St Paul. When it comes to resolutions, we’re asking that you also come to Delegate Assembly with us to defend your resolution. The continuing resolutions and resolution forms are on the IFO site. If you want to make things change, you need to get in on this. The logistics for filling 19 slots: Executive committee, then senators who request, then rank and file, but you must be full members. Henry: Attendance at Delegate Assembly is often not that great from larger universities, so full attendance from a small campus like ours can make a big difference. There is a special mileage reimbursement. Attending representatives
typically share a room, but we can change that. Marek moved that BSUFA offset shared room pricing. Henry seconded. Motion carried. Email names to BSUFA or Chris if you’re interested.

Lib Ed Committee. Peterson announced a change to Goal Area 8, effective immediately. Languages will be counted in Area 8 as well as other areas. Lib Ed Course assessments: Thanks to those who have submitted so far, we still have 24 to go, just went above the 70% mark. Please turn assessment in by Wednesday or Thursday at the latest. Update to revision of Lib Ed for distinctiveness: Members have reviewed documents on changes, the MAP draft, pedagogy, procedures, the new mission / vision statements, and others. We are coordinating with Student Senate, and one of the co-presidents is meeting with the committee. We ask: How best to get feedback from you? If you have any ideas, let us know. Tarutis: About Lib Ed course counting: We have seen a course now counting in Areas 3 and 10. Who sends out notification of these changes? Peterson: There was some lag this time. Haworth: Is there a big change to Lib Ed coming? Peterson: We want to bring in some new changes that faculty will buy into.

**Old Business**

Brown: We’re not totally done with Department Responses concerning NTC Alignment Concerns. We’re expecting to hear from departments, will collate the material and pass it on to the administration at the next M&C.

Swain on Responses to the new Senate models. We had five models to look at, and now Tadlock is talking about reorganizing. We’re not sure if he will, but if he does, we might have to rethink.

Peterson: Sociology liked option 2. Under reorganization, that would work. Henry: Option 1 is fabulous. Ueland: Option 2 or 3 is where Geography would go. Does anyone know the number of Senators? Marek: Option 1 has 30 - 32 senators. All the options are within 5 or 6 of each other. Kippenhan: Our department prefers Option 3 as first choice, Option 2 as second. Biology opts for 1 or 3. Kippenhan moved that before moving on a new Senate model, the executive gets scope and timeline info from Tadlock on whether they are thinking of reorganizing. Henry seconded. Brown turned the Senate over to VP Murray so he could speak to the motion. Brown: Why reorganize now? We’re just getting a handle on the last reorganization. I am not expecting to see anything formative out of Pres Hanson or Tadlock. VP Murray returned control to Brown. Marek: We still have in the bylaws the model prior to this one. Nursing: Nursing is split between Options 2 and 3. But we speak against the motion on the floor. We have things to move forward. Motion carried. Exec will attempt to get Tadlock to give us the info.

Henry: A question to executive committee: Given the recent re-rostering moves at Moorhead, would the executive committee ask at M&C if rostering changes are being contemplated. Brown: Done.

Adjourned 5:16

Submitted, M C Morgan