BSUFA Senate Minutes
7 April 2014
4:00 pm HS 107

Attending. Tim Brockman, Chris Brown, Cheryl Byers, Porter Coggins, Keith Gora, Drew Graham, Daniel Guentchev, Andrew Hafs, Heidi Hansen, Rod Henry, Michael Herbert, Christel Kippenhan, Tim Kroeger, Josefina Li, Lynn Maltais, Keith Marek, Eric Medberry, Mike Morgan, Mike Murray, Kristi Nei, Francois Neville, Sanjeev Phukan, Carla Norris-Raynbird, Sheila Paul, Donna Pawlowski, Debra Sea, Sarah Tarutis, John Truedson, Jeff Ueland, Sarah Young

Not attending. Craig Hougen, Vivian Delgado, Rich Jahner, Blanca Rivera, Rachele Schafer, Amber Fryklund, Tom Fauchald, William Joyce, Janice Haworth

Excused. Pat Conely, Judy Olson

Call to order at 4:00

Guests.

Dr Grabowska, IFO President Nominee. Dr Grabowska’s mother passed and his visit was cancelled until May.

BSUSA Co-President Kari Cooper announced: Student elections are coming Apr 14th - 18th, and the Student Senate meeting will be on the last Wednesday in April. The BSUSA had a strong presence at the latest MSUFA conference. Brown: We are working together with the Student Senate to control and turn the corner on tuition. BSUSA want to be part of Charting the Future, with one MSUFA representative on each of the committees.

Approval of minutes of 3 March 2014. Joyce moved, Murray seconded. Carried

Henry moved to reorder the agenda for Valerie Wallingford. Ueland seconded. Carried.

Valerie Wallingford, re: Research regarding faculty promotion criteria. Valerie Wallingford will be administering a faculty survey for her research. The instrument has been passed by the IRB. The audience for this research is faculty and administration, and she hopes to get the work published. Brown clarified that she does not need BSUFA backing or permission to give the survey. There were no comments or questions.

President's Report

Tenure and Promotion Calendars 2014-2015 drafts were distributed. Bring these to your faculty for any final changes on 5 May meeting. <link>

Concerning Prior Consideration in hiring. According to Article 21, Fixed Term faculty receive prior consideration for a position before placing the open call. We will be talking to HR to alert departments to follow the contract on this point. Caveats: Article applies if the fixed term hire was not an emergency
hire; the position must be identical to the original; and the present faculty is not automatically hired.
Questions: refer to the contract or ask Brown.

**Academic Assessment Committee changes.** The administration is asking for a committee with two faculty to be involved. The Assessment Committee people are telling us that money is being cut for assessment co-ordinators. Peterson: We’re thinking of cutting the assessment coordinators now that departments have done their assessments. Henry: Wouldn't the need for continued assessment be necessary? Peterson: Coordinators say their involvement was minimal, and are now recommending that money be moved to another priority. Byers: I suggest that coordinators focus on departments that need assistance. Marek: Isn’t there someone in CAS dean’s office who could take this on? Brown: Sounds like we haven’t heard everything here. We’ll ask for more information at M&C.

**Report on Delegate Assembly.** BSU had 100% attendance. A 5% dues increase was passed, but we haven’t had an increase in eight years. Dues are heading towards becoming a percentage of base salary. There’s also a run on re-organizing the Board of Directors that will reduce BSU’s representation. Keep your eye on that.

**Officer Reports**

**Negotiator.** Ueland. Negotiations have moved to mediation. They haven’t moved since last fall. Chancellor will not deal with bargaining. The IFO is giving offers, nothing’s coming back. He's waiting for $17m back from Legislature. IFO put together a serious offer to resolve it, but the other side couldn't respond: They told us they didn't have the authority from the Chancellor. The Central Office is considering restraint right now. We would like the contract ratified under this Legislature. Questions to Jeff Ueland.

Henry moved that the Board members charge the IFO Action Committee to start a letter writing campaign for a timely contract. Ueland seconded. We’re in mediation, so writing to Chancellor’s bosses and the trustees is appropriate. Motion carried

**Committee Reports**

**Curriculum.** Curriculum Report VI. Phukan reported that the Committee had reviewed and approved the changes and modifications in Curriculum Report VI. Two other proposals have been approved that are not on this report. Kippenhan reported that the Grad Committee has those programs with graduate courses. Hansen reported that Teacher Ed committee approved courses with education courses. Motion carried

**Rules.** Swain. CPD Interim Director We looked at directorships a little over a year ago when Tadlock brought it to us. The procedure is: When directorships come open, we forward the announcement to Senate, then Senate recommends our candidates to Tadlock. Virgil Bakken and Carol Nielsen have put their names forward for the CPD interim director. Ueland moved to forward both names to administration. Henry seconded. Carried.

Article II: The Rules Committee recommends changes to bylaws en seriatum. Byers: We haven’t seen the changes. Brown: They have been posted. Please have a look at them so we can address them next meeting. Swain: We can’t make a fall call until we get some informed decisions.
**Academic Affairs.** Report on approval of Student Preparedness. Brown: Have you elected a chair? Peterson: No. Brown: Have you met? Peterson: Yes. By email. We had quorum. Hanson is proposing a task force, charged with looking into student preparedness at BSU. It would include faculty representatives from each college and school, a dean, and others. The Committee recommends endorsing the proposal as a way of starting. Byers: I’m a member of SEMP: this looks like we’re forming a task force for an existing committee. Have we created a goal specific to any of this? Peterson: No. We’re looking for clarification as to how this is different and how it might overlap. Young: I agree. This is work already going on. We are planning on having open meetings so people know what we’re doing. This looks like another committee is doing what we’re doing. Ueland moved to table pending clarification at M&C. Henry seconded. Carried.

**Lib Ed.** Peterson: We’re taking another survey for input on ideas for a revised Lib Ed to faculty as a whole. Next year’s Student’s Commission is going to ask students what they might like in Lib Ed. May 13 is the deadline for Assessment findings. Thank you for participating. We made 90%, and we’ll be running the data this summer. Last, we’re getting some feedback on the Sustainability class.

**Academic Computing.** Marek reporting for Pete McDonnell: Re: computer labs. The Committee is meeting with the CIO and members of the Student Senate to discuss labs and their distribution. A second point: We’re clarifying the route to request technology in classrooms and labs. As of 25th of April, we confirmed Drew Graham as member on the ACC. We’d like to confirm Elizabeth Hagensen from CJ. Confirmed.

Motion to adjourn by Marek, seconded by Murray. Carried

Adjourned at 5:04

Submitted

M C Morgan