BSUFA Senate Agenda - Special Senate Meeting

21 April 2014
4:00 pm HS 107


Not Attending: Josefina Li, Rachele Schafer, Craig Hougen, Vivian Delgado, Rich Jahner, Blanca Rivera, William Joyce, Michael Herbert,

Excused: Sarah Young

Call to order at 4:00

Rules Committee Recommendations on Operating Procedures. Documents PDF

Brown reiterated the need to address the Rules changes. Swain moved to consider the changes _en seriatim_. Henry: I don’t see a way of amendment the operating procedures once we change them. It says “by-laws” rather an “operating procedures”. Swain: We can change that when we get to that paragraph. Motion to consider _en seriatim_ carried.

Swain moved to change title “By-laws” to “Operating Procedures” in Article 1B. Carried

Article II was changed.

Move to modify Article III A: Removed redundant language as unnecessary, and covered. Kippenhan: What are units? Swain: Non-departments, like TRIO. The definition of units is covered in Constitution. Henry: We’re not going to define what a department or equivalent unit is in the Operating Procedures? By removing the definitions here, the pools vanish. Swain. Until we vote on Section B, yes. Kippenhan: Physical Ed is an equivalent unit? Swain: Yes. You’ll see that in the next section, Section B, we can create pools. Paul: Keeping the definitions one place clarifies matters. Marek: The University defines departments. Units is less well defined, but the listing of what are departments is on the web. Kippenhan: Unit is not defined anywhere. Ueland: Right now, not everyone has representation. The way it will be played out here with departments and units, everyone has representation. Kippenhan: But later we could redefine units and exclude Athletics. Henry: The constitution says we can update section D: Apportionment each odd-numbered year. Division: 21 for, 8 against. Motion carried.

Move to modify Article III B. Pools language. The change here is that departments or units may form pools rather than must. These can be nullified. Units are not required to form pools. Henry: This is a bad idea. Humanities could break into small units and re-form into pools with more representation. Marek: Section C if kept will force departments to pool. I could see departments re-pooling within colleges. Small departments don’t want to have senators. Giving the choice is fairer. But departments can split at
Swain: We can do that now. Marek: The balance constantly shifts. Truedson: With the number of units you’re looking at 40 - 45 senators. Do you want to have more senators or fewer? Swain: We’re not looking at numbers of senators. We’re looking at everyone having representation. Ueland: What is the downside if section III C: Number of Seats fails? Swain: We can always amend the language, such as declaring that pools can form only once a year. Marek: The problem is that proportionments are taken every year. Henry: Quorums for a senate of 40 have been hard to gain. Marek: We’re looking at 33 - 35 senators. Division of 18 for, 9 against, 1 abstention. Motion fails.

Olson voiced a concern about The Chair of a committee swaying the body.

Move to modify Article III C: Number of seats. Swain: This is model 3 that the Rules Committee brought to the Senate last November. We fashioned this after polling the faculty. Byers: We are opposed to this. We recommend 1 representative per department. Kippenhan: Since section B is not in effect, we can’t really decide on section C.

Kippenhan: Moved to table C until B is resolved. Olson seconded. Motion failed.

Henry: This is bad idea. This strips away representation from large numbers. If this goes through it limits the ability of larger departments to influence decisions. That’s a long-term disaster. Ueland: Move to modify for pooling 1-5 one seat, 6-14 two, and 15+ 3 seats. Marek: Can we adjust the split to what it was with 1-9 = 1, 10 and 14 - 2, 15 - 19 - 3, 20-24 4. Motion seconded by Fauchald. Fauchald: This is a good solution. Motion carries. Amendment fails. Original motion for Article III C: Number of seats carried.

Article V A: Makeup of committees. Swain moves for the committee. Henry: Moves to consider change committee by committee. [Motion fails for lack of a second?]

Henry: Why 2 from CAS, and no representation from Athletics? Swain: Athletics were not included in the past committee structure, so we left it as it was. If we want to change it, we can.

Fauchald: Moves to add 1 member from the Athletic department to each of the committees. Henry seconded. Kippenhan: Athletics was on committees until they were split. We feel we should contribute to the committees. Hafs: If athletics has 24 members, should they have more representation on committees? Ueland: It makes sense to come up with a number and do everything at large rather than by colleges. I speak against the motion. Peterson: Lib Ed will have to be an exception because 95% of the courses are taught by CAS. Paul: The Rules Committee talked about committee membership. You’ll see that we’re recommending ACC has 4 at large members. Motion to add 1 member from Athletics to each committee carried.

Beyer: Social Work is opposed to the change. There should be one representative per college, not two. Paul clarified that the School of Nursing and the Department of Nursing is split between 2 bargaining units. Original motion as amended carried.

Subsection 2: ACC change of representation. Swain: We’re recommending 4 at large and one member from the Library. Byers: Social Work is opposed for same reasons as given previously. Truedson: This change came about because we’re having a hard time getting people with expertise on this committee. Motion carried.
Subsection 3: Academic Action Committee, changes in charge and composition. Motion carried.

Subsection 4: Budget and Finance, changes to charge and composition. Henry: Moves to add member from Athletics. [no second identified]. Carried.

Kippenhan: I wonder why the composition is set up this way. Paul: When we looked at the composition we see the expertise is well distributed. Kippenhan moves to amend to increase CHSHE to 2. [no second identified] Amendment carries. Recommendation carries.

Brown: We can come back and finish this next Monday. Fauchald moved to postpone until next week. Henry: second. Carried.

Discussion on possible vote of no confidence for Chancellor Steven Rosenstone

Brown: We sent a motion downstate last fall, and now we have seen a draft from IFO on a possible vote of no confidence. I want to open up time to let you talk about this. My only amendment would be to add Board of Trustees shouldn’t get off. What we need to come up with is a recommendation for exec to take down to the Board. Tell us what to do. Henry?: It’s easier to get to one person rather than board. The most recent disasters is Rosenstone’s, not the Board. The latest disaster with Mankato was Rosenstone’s call. Fauchald?: With Rod, if you focus on one, you get more power. Ueland?: His inability to co-operate with the friendliest legislature we’ve had in years is telling. It doesn’t appear that the Chancellor understands the process. Brown: Other bargaining units might want to join in with us. Kippenhan: My department says that this needs to go out to the right players, and we need to make sure we can substantiate these claims so they are not empty threats. Marek: There a couple of things not in this document, but what does a vote of no confidence actually do? Brown: It has an impact on the reputation of the individual. It sends a message that we’re paying attention. Truedson: Senate wouldn't vote directly on this? Brown: The Board could vote its own, or they could ask us to vote. Marek: Do we want 20 members of quorum. Or every senator, or vote at large? We wouldn't want a poor outcome. Henry: this is a start of process for discussion. In terms of effect, we’ve had two chancellors out the door as a vote of no confidence was being prepared.

Brown: We are still discussing this.

Ueland moves to recess until Mon 28 Apr, 2014, 4:00 pm.

In recess at 5:15 p.m.

28 April 2014

4:00 p.m.

Attending: Tim Brockman, Chris Brown, Porter Coggins, Tom Fauchald, Keith Gora, Drew Graham, Daniel Guentchev, Andrew Hafs, Heidi Hansen, Janice Haworth, Craig Hougen, Rod Henry, Christel Kippenhan, Tim Kroeger, Josefin 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: Vivian Delgado, Judy Olson, Pat Conely, Cheryl Byers, Rachele Schafer, Amber Fryklund, Rich Jahner, William Joyce, Michael Herbert, Blanca Rivera, BSUFA Senate called out of recess at 4:00 by Brown

Turned over to Swain

Move to take off table Art 20 subsection A, as clarified by new text defining departments and programs. Young: Will TRIO have representation as an entity? Kippenhan: Move to add to Equivalent Units those that have a common mission. Motion fails for lack of second. Motion to take off table carries.

Reconsideration of Art 20 Subsec B in light of movement of last week. Request to clarify for Young: Can we pool together? Hansen: Is there any limit to pool size? Swain: If we write that into the by-laws. There is none now. Motion carries.

Art 5, Subsection C. Swain: No changes to the charge, but we deleted redundant language. Make-up changes, as noted, with one representative from Athletics added to every committee. Coggins: We did adjust the number of representatives? Swain: As presented in the text on screen. Motion to change make-up. Division. 19 for. Carried

Subsection 6 Government Relations Committee. This no longer exists as IFO committee but we will forward recommendation. Same make-up as above. Graham: Question about the size of athletics? Swain: 18. Other colleges are about 30. Division. 17 for. Motion fails.

Swain: As a point of interest for the Rules Committee, what would you see changed? Graham: Move to amend by putting two members from each of the colleges. Fauchald seconds. Kippenhan: The more members the more you load up for faculty to contribute - and they don’t contribute. It becomes more difficult to fill the committees. Division. 18 for. Motion to add representatives from other colleges. Carries. Amended motion carries.

Grad Studies Committee Composition. Director of Grad Studies is on the committee but not IFO and so no vote. Kippenhan: Having director on the committee is good for insider knowledge. Carried.


Center for Professional Development. We kept the current language. We added from 2011: To oversee recommendations, as listed. Make-up as listed. Fauchald: Change AVP to Provost. Marek: Sometimes we have a provost, sometimes we have an AVP. Fauchald will accept friendly to use Provost/VPA. Carried.

Murray: Section 6 in the text was added? Swain: That’s part of the original charge. Young recognizes Desiderato. That’s not the original charge. We changed it so the PIG Committee didn’t oversee CDP. I have notes from the senate meeting. Swain: We are discussing the committee’s recommendation on the floor. Point 2: the Senate minutes are the official record. You may amend the recommendation. Young recognizes Desiderato: I’d like those minutes read. I have notes from Derrick Webb saying these were voted on. Ueland: Speaking to clarify: Committees don’t oversee faculty. Moves to amend to remove section 6 from amendment. Murray seconds. Young recognizes Desiderato: I speak to strike this. Motion
to strike section 6 from the Operating Procedures carries. Recommendation as amended carries.

Subsection 10 Rules Committee. No changes to charge, representation as above. Fauchald: From EITHER? Swain: Yes. Marek: This is a tough committee to staff. Carries.

Sub 11 has been stuck entirely. Fauchauld: Why? Swain: Their only charge would be to advise, so it becomes moot. Brown: This subsection is an artifact from an old Planning Committee structure. Carried.

Teacher Education Committee, which is now sub 11. Composition s listed. Murray: Move to amend to add Economics to the list. Kippenhan: Add Phys Ed/Health Ed. Peterson: Sociology. Truedson: Science would like to be in there. Fauchald: And Music, and I would add two members. Fauchald moves and Henry seconds carried to select 2 from the list for each department that offers license. Marek: Moves to refer back to committee. Fauchald seconds. Carried.

Equity Committee. Sub 12. This is a new committee requested from downstate IFO. Charge and composition as written. Terms are defined by IFO Operating Procedures of 3 years. Carries.

Sub B: Committee Responsibilities. Each committee reports to the Senate at least once a year, as in the Constitution. Carried.

Sub C: Unproductive Committees. As written, the Executive Committee can clear the roster and appoint. Henry: I’m against this. Fauchauld: Me too. Ueland: This is a difficult prospect. It might be punitive. Hansen: If the chair doesn’t convene, it’s the committee’s problem. Motion fails.

Directorships. Sub 1. This was started by Tadlock to approve directorships. This has already been passed by Senate and been operating. We’re now adding it to the Operating Procedures. The policy is in effect whether in Operating Procedures or not. Peterson: My issue is that Senate is not intended to enter into the purview of academic matters. Henry: Senate has always been involved in curricular matters. We have a Curriculum Committee and others. Young recognizes Desiderato. Speaking against the amendment because it’s being presented by the director. This is an infringement on Management Rights. Murray: I was at the M&C when this was presented to the Exec by Tadlock. It’s always been the policy to appoint, but the Provost made a gesture to let this body put forward names. Swain: It’s all about the Senate making a recommendation to the Provost, not an appointment. Marek: Amend to add “and Provost”. Fauchald seconded. Carried.

Peterson: This revision eliminates from consultation the committee councils. I would like to suggest that the names will be considered by council. Ueland: It’s about transparency. Who’s applying and who’s being recommended. I speak against. Swain: We can always make such a move to amend. Murray: Amend to add an ad hoc committee. Neville seconds. Young: Could you clarify, please? Not one from that area? Swain: Your choice. Peterson: I’m still against the amendment because we have specific people on the committees that can vet applicants. Motion fails. Original recommendation fails.

Business ended. Adjourned at 5:15.

Submitted

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