BSUFA Senate Minutes

5 May 2014

4:00 pm HS 107

Attending: Tim Brockman, Chris Brown, Cheryl Byers, Porter Coggins, Pat Conely, Tom Fauchald, Keith Gora, Drew Graham, Daniel Guentchev, Andrew Hafs, Heidi Hansen, Janice Haworth, Rod Henry, Christel Kippenhan, Tim Kroeger, Josefina Li, Lynn Maltais, Keith Marek, Eric Medberry, Mike Morgan, Carla Norris-Raynbird, Sheila Paul, Debra Sea, Sarah Tarutis, John Truedson, Jeff Ueland, Sarah Young, Carla Norris-Raynbird, Sheila Paul, Debra Sea, Sarah Tarutis, John Truedson, Jeff Ueland, Sarah Young

Not attending: Craig Hougen, William Joyce, Vivian Delgado, Blanca Rivera, Michael Herbert, Rich Jahner, Amber Fryklund, Judy Olson, Rachele Schafer, Francois Neville, Mike Murray, Kristi Nei.

Excused: Donna Pawlowski

Call to order


President’s Report

GRC and Student Senate. GRC has backed a Student Senate resolution regarding Charting the Future, calling for more student representation. We’re cooperating with Student Senate on this matter.

SEMP. A SEMP proposal is out for your review. Sarah Young reported that SEMP has had two meetings, and are looking for feedback. Brown cannot stress enough getting enrolment up, and if SEMP can help, then it’s worth our time.

Committee Reports

Rules. Swain reported on Operating Procedures. Subsec D. Every odd year we re-apportion the Senate. But we did that this year, so Rules Committee moved to accept that re-apportionment rather than waiting for 2016. Motion carried. Still on the list are to change By-laws to Operating Procedures. Swain: We’re not ready for spring call, so we’ll send out a call the first week of fall.

Exec. Fauchald moved that Mike Murray be temporarily appointed as Grievance Officer for summer. Henry seconded. Carried. Henry requested a summary of grievances over summer at the first Senate meeting.

Curriculum Report VII Swain reported for Phukan. There were four proposals, as distributed. Committee recommends approval. Kippenhan: Professional Ed and Graduate Committee has approved. Hansen: Education has approved. Carried.

ACC. Pete McDonnell reported that ACC met with the CIO. They are still discussing the BSU website redesign. Hope everyone attended a White Whale session showing the home page. Any issues that come up will be brought to ACC. The portal is being redesigned this summer, with request input on what to include. There’s a video of the presentation on Scot Faust’s blog at Marketing and Communications. ACC is asking for the documents that Faust has promised, and those are part of the agenda attachments for this
meeting. Academic departments were told by Faust that there will be several different options, but those have not been shared yet. Brown: We need to be sure we’re meeting department wishes in design and content. That was part of the discussion and agreement.

Budget. Fauchald presented spreadsheets concerning budget. Budget Committee met with Maki. The main issues are NTC and enrolment. NTC is in bad shape, down 17% for summer and 15% for fall. The need $1.1m, and so are requesting access to the Board reserve. There is an NTC report to President Hanson with recommendation coming this summer. BSU will be fronting some payroll money for NTC next year. Byers: Did NTC make staff reductions? No. They laid one person off. Byers: Why they aren’t laying off staff? TF: The issue is they can’t make up their mind what to do. Their layoff would be in November. They moved their biggest program over here, which dropped enrolment at NTC. BSU update: Over 75% of summer courses at BSU are online now, so there’s effectively no on campus summer school. It’s getting hard to do comparisons between year to year enrolments, but look at what we’re short when you see a report. We’re 75% short right now and we need to make that up over summer. They are still anticipating filling all the faculty vacancies.

Negotiations. Ueland. It was uncertain last month, but things are moving. We’re going down this coming Tuesday and Wednesday. We’re getting closer together, and so are looking for a productive session. Central Office is keen to resolve the contract ASAP, so if we get a settlement this summer, you’ll hear from IFO. Read the materials, and send your questions to Ueland. If you don’t see anything happening, don’t worry. We will hold off ratification until fall if no one’s around. Brown: If there are contract meetings, try to be there.

Old Business

Response to Promotion Tenure calendars. Current versions posted have been revised. Due dates for changes have been pushed along because Tadlock is in Malaysia. We will see them in fall, and you’ll see them in fall.

Grad Committee and GAs. Brown: We had a question about the administration reappointing GAs. Has that been addressed? Kippenhan: Tadlock is coming to our meeting on Wednesday morning to discuss.

New Business

Wrap up: Senate Authority Delegated to Executive Committee to move on minor matters. Fauchald moved. Marek seconded. Carried. Brown will be in China in June. The only problem is what’s coming up with NTC. Marek: Hanson has told us that something about NTC is coming up this summer, and we need to be there to know what’s going on. Henry: The main thing is timelines on Grievances. If someone has an appeal, what happens. Brown: Timelines are frozen in the summer.

Brown: Summer searches and duty days. If you come to campus over the summer, you should be paid. Henry: If you come in for two classes, take a full day. Brandon: The problem is the number of applications. Brown: The administration has been paying 2 duty days per candidate. Guentchev: Two days doesn’t cover an interview. Fauchald: If it takes more than two days, then it’s grievable. Brown: We can determine this by individual cases, including number of applicants and number of candidates.

New Business: Goodbye and thanks for all the fish. Ueland presented farewell cards to Brown. Brown has
served the BSUFA and IFO well. He was a Grievance Officer, Negotiator, and President. Brown was Negotiator when we got same sex marriage approved. He was Negotiator when we got our highest dollar amount ever. Brown handed over to Ueland. Ueland took on Negotiator during his second year, with a straight on common sense, and Brown decided right then that he was presidential material. Ueland takes on challenge next year. He has to find new people for committees. The big challenge is going to be NTC, but the faculty have to engage. In the spirit of unions and unity, we have to be active. Ueland: I’ll miss negotiations, but the Senate is the power and voice for the university. The Committees and Exec are there so faculty can be involved directly in running the university. The Administration has taken on a position of fear, but if we use faculty voice, they will listen to us because we have good ideas.

Adjourned 5:00

Submitted

M C Morgan