Senate minutes 1 Dec 2014

Attending: Andrew Hafs, Donna Pawlowski, Paul Kivi, Heidi Hansen, Janice Haworth, Mark Lawrence, Daniel Guentchev, Pat Donnay, Deb Peterson, Christel Kippenhan, Porter Coggins, Kris Nei, Judy Olson, Keith Gora, Jan Heuer, Cheryl Byers, Bill Joyce, Tim Brockman, Drew Graham, Debra Sea, Pat Conely, Sarah Young, Tiffany Hommes, Amber Fryklund, Larry Swain, Jeff Ueland, Keith Marek, Sheila Paul, Tom Fauchald, Sarah Tarutis, Rod Henry, Carolyn Townsend, Troy Gilberston.

1. Call to order

2. Approval of Minutes from 11-3-2014
   a. 11-3-14
   b. 11-10-14
      Motion to approve – Mike Morgan
      Second – Tom Fauchald
      Vote – Approved

3. Approval of the order of the agenda
   Motion to approve – Donna Pawlowski
   Second – Troy Gilbertson
   Vote – Approved

4. Reports
   a. Officer Reports
      i. President’s report
         1. Hiring Check List
            Summary of changes – Search committee chair notifies candidates of interviews, not the Deans
            Senate requests that more work be done:
            1. Ensure equality of off list reference checks
            2. Off list reference checks be done by committee on Deans
            3. Push for three candidates in place of two as currently listed in document

        2. Admissions Updates 11-25-14
        3. Admissions Updates 12-1-14
           Senate requests that Admission updates continue to be sent since they include valuable information

   4. Load Sheet
      Senate had previously requested that these be sent and that is why faculty received copies of completed load reports via campus mail, check for errors

5. Arranged Courses
Arranged courses will be discussed at meet and confer in an attempt to clear up any issues related to how they are defined and how faculty compensation is determined.

ii. Treasurer's report

Will present a working budget to Senate shortly.

b. BSUFA Committee Reports

i. Academic Computing

New laptops for the faculty are in the works
Currently IT is preparing a survey to collect input related to computer types faculty would prefer
Survey should be sent to faculty in February
New laptops should arrive over summer
Details related to the document presented to Senate about printer savings will be worked out at Meet & Confer

ii. Rules

Next month

5. Old Business

a. Year-long schedule

Motion – Pat Donnay
Second – Cheryl Byers

Basics of the motion were that the faculty agree to provide, at minimum, a proposed two year schedule, without times or rooms, however they can provide more detail if they choose

Vote – Approved

b. Convocation hour

Motion – Deb Peterson
Second – Rod Henry

Motion stated that convocation hour, if adopted, be used only for department or college level meetings

Vote – Failed, many in Senate did not want any convocation hour imposed upon faculty

6. New Business

a. BSUFA Holiday get together

Details – 3:30 – 5:30 pm December 12, 2014 at Bemidji Brewing Company with food provided by Big Scoop Ice Cream, drink tickets may be provided, cost not to exceed $1,500, fun times

Motion to approve – Pat Donnay
Second – Mike Morgan

7. Tabled/Hold Items

a. Policies governing approval of course for inclusion in the Lib Ed Program

Motion to approve – Lib Ed Committee
Second – None needed

Vote – Approved
b. Lib Ed Goal Area 1 Proposal

**Motion to postpone** – Mike Morgan

**Second** – Keith Marek

Motion stated the Lib Ed Goal Area 1 Proposal be postponed until a time sensitive committee be formed, including three English Department members, three Lib Ed Committee members and one Senate member (Drew Graham). The committee is tasked with developing a recommendation about how to deal with speech as it relates to goal area 1. The recommendation cannot result in an increase the total number of Lib Ed credits. The recommendation is due to Senate at the February meeting.

**Vote** – Approved

8. General Comments

9. Adjourn

Submitted Andrew Hafs