Senate Meeting Minutes April 6, 2014

Meeting commenced: 4:00pm

Attendance: Rod Henry, Tom Fauchald, Amber Fryklund, Brian Donovan, Donna Pawlowski, Andrew Hafs, Jan Heuer, Troy Gilbertson, Sheila Paul, Jen Atteberry, Carolyn Townsend, Pat Conely, Francois Neville, Heidi Hansen, Debra Sea, Christel Kippenhan, Cheryl Byers, Pat Donnay, Sarah Tarutis, Bill Joyce, Carol Nielsen, Keith Marek, Joan Fuller, Janice Haworth, Larry Swain, Paul Kivi, Mark Lawrence, Keith Gora, Sarah Young, Tiffany Hommes, Tim, Porter Coggins, Deb Peterson, Jeff Ueland.

Motion to approve Minutes from March: Tom Fauchald

Second: Troy Gilbertson

Motion passed.

Jeff Ueland: Can I please have a motion from the floor to admit guests Paul Kivi and Alex Miller regarding the bottled water agenda item, and to move it and the ACC committee report to the top of the agenda?

Motion: Brian Donovan

Second: Sarah Tarutis

Paul Kivi- Alex Miller is here from the Student Senate to give a summary of the bill passed through Student Senate to ban the sale of bottled water on campus.

Click here for a summary of the Bill

Paul Kivi- We are seeking a memo from senate in support of the bill

Keith Marek- in terms of athletic events re basketball games etc. where policy is no outside drinks can be brought in...what’s to prevent people bringing in alcohol?

Christel Kippenhan- I can see an issue re baseball and softball games.

Pat Donnay- would this encourage people to drink less healthy alternatives?

Alex Miller- we’re trying to educate students on why we’re doing this, and a big part is a statement piece- we support local municipalities rather than bottled water companies

Cheryl Byers- I’m in support.

Deb Peterson- one concern is that faculty or anyone who wants to go to a vending machine is only able to purchase plastic soda bottles. Why didn’t the student senate ban soda sales in plastic as well?

Alex Miller- we looked into this, and had pushback from health code with your container on nozzle of the dispenser.

Question from Lainie Hiller- allowed by Troy Gilbertson.
Lainie Hiller- had you considered allowing unopened bottles of water to sporting events, using the same policy that the Sanford Center does? If you have an unopened bottle of water, you’re allowed to bring it with you to an event.

Alex Miller- I wasn’t aware of that policy, but can look into it.

Paul Kivi- I present a motion that the Faculty Senate hereby recommends that campus leadership adopt Student Senate bill SB 15-05.”

Second: Carol Neilson
Motion passes

Pete McDonnell **ACC committee**

Brief ACC report

The ACC has been meeting this semester and I wanted to bring an item for your consideration- request to survey faculty about customising the “My BSU” portal to include a list of links that are most important to faculty.

Proposal to conduct a survey. Background- discussions in the past to have “MY BSU” portal to be customised to whoever is logging in to it. This functionality hasn’t really ever been implemented and so we think this is a great idea. When you log in, you’ll be able to click on a drop down menu that are most useful to you as faculty- like the old website- we’re proposing to survey you to what links you would like on this drop-down menu. The proposal is online and you can read and basically we have a suggestion of links that we copied from the old site. The idea would be to run these by senate and faculty and see if they would be a good selection of links for when you log in to “MY BSU” portal, and if there are any links that we are missing.

Tom Fauchald- would a motion be in order to allow to survey faculty? Move to so do

Second- Troy Gilbertson.

Motion passes

One more thing from Pete- the ACC has been meeting and we’re in process of ordering computers for faculty laptop refresh. Something to be aware of- we were told that administration will be enforcing the one computer policy, so if you have any concerns with that (there is an exceptions process) need to work with your dean. The process proposed is that when the laptops are ready to go, there will be orientation sessions for distributions, bring in old one, get new one. If you have multiple computers, we’ll be expected to bring them in. I have been told that IT understand that some faculty will have needs for multiple computers.

One other heads up- the Toshiba printers that I talked about last semesters- heads up that there is a plan to turn on authentication to these printers and what we’ve been told is that this is turned on and we’re not sure when it’s going to happen and only will affect you when you’re copying. When you make copies would have to enter your Tech ID number. Is part of the contract with Toshiba

Christel Kippenhan- I already have to enter an ID number when I print- how is this different?

Pete McDonnell- sounds like it’s already doing that
Centralised course evaluations

Jeff Ueland- since our last meeting, I said I would ask if they were going to enforce this. I have been blown off by administration- answer from Martin was as long as faculty don’t intervene with the process, they won’t be penalised. I have been disappointed with administration’s response. This is a pilot, they’re telling us. They will be doing this for everyone next year and will be sending by email, will be voluntary for students. It is being grieved and I’m working with downstate for wording. This is not part of the PDP process. I kept asking Martin how he hopes to effect change and he doesn’t have an answer.

Students may or may not want to do two evaluations. The BSUFA is going forward with a Step 2 grievance. See if we can put an end to it. A department can say no, but they’re going to do it regardless. This has a “rate my professors” feel to it. It is a real problem. Don’t want you to get in trouble over this, but it’s a problem.

Rod Henry- who is preparing this survey?

Jeff Ueland- we haven’t been told.

Rod Henry- we have an office on campus that does this, and we should have Martin come to senate to discuss the issue.

Keith Marek- I have some concern re the answer about discipline- we won’t be disciplined if we don’t impede the process?

Jeff Ueland- I agree. This is just the channel we have to go (grievance). I will keep you informed.

Heidi Hansen- did Martin ever really say what he plans on using this data for?

Jeff Ueland - yes, said that “if we got this, and they see there is a problem, they can talk to the faculty member about it. “ To which Jeff said- doesn’t matter if you get this evidence, you can’t use it because it’s outside the PDP.

Larry Swain- clarification- how is this going to be applied- just sent out to students in that field?

Jeff- yes, every student in that dept. will get it.

Brian D- should students get paid for functioning as consultants in this? We should encourage students to respond in this fashion.

Christel Kippenhan- I have a similar question to Larry regarding sending invites to students via email. How many emails/invites will they get? Only the disgruntled ones, like on Rate My Professor will actually respond. Should put a question on there- what is your expected grade on this course?

Rod Henry- I was told that it would be used in scheduling. “If we don’t want someone who the students think is doing a good job, can make changes to scheduling.”

Joann Fredrickson- do the results go to faculty member also?

Jeff Ueland - yes, and you can do whatever you want with them, also go to dean. Bottom line- it’s against the contract.

Heidi Hansen- will the faculty be allowed to see what the evaluation looks like before it goes out?
Jeff Ueland - last I heard it was going to be the CPD one.

Carol- and the CPD said they didn’t support this.

Bill- previous institution I worked out had peer and administration review, and I think that worked a lot better.

Jeff- you as a faculty member can do that- it’s part of the contract. You can offer that as evidence as PDP but YOU made that decision, and this is an important distinction. I would love to hear from departments that have been “volunteered”.

**BSUFA Executive elections**

Nominations close tomorrow. If interested, please put your name in via email to the BSUFA office.

**Academic calendar changes**

Not the original calendar, they added an extra day to November, and had to officially remove that day. Everything had to be shifted.

**Promotion request timeline and PDP calendar.**

Jeff- talked before that they had been sandwiched together. Want to thank Keith for working with Patrick on a new proposal. They seem a lot better, but I can’t speak for everyone. Pushed the PDP back to beginning and PDR back to end a little bit. The changes seem good; Keith has put a lot of work into this, ironing out details. If you can offer comments/emails, please send them. If there’s anything else to work out we’ll get that done. Sabbatical and non-renewal timelines are not included here, that’s going to next senate.

**AB grading proposal**

Jeff- current Student Senate has also approved a motion in support of half grades. Administration has not acted on that. I bring it forward either for action or information. Thoughts?

Tom- send to a committee

AB is a little less specific- goes to half grades

Rod- goes to giving rank

Cheryl- so what’s the purpose, if not a plus/minus?

Jeff- the GPA would change

Tom- this is kind of a way to get people’s GPA higher. I’m also not comfortable- in order to get this to work, it’s being very prescriptive on the grading to make it work.

Sheila- the AB grading that is listed, is just taking us to the pink
Troy - motion to send this to motion to being back to departments for next meeting (May)

Second - tom

Discussion on motion -

Keith - I favour, but to clarify, I didn’t read it as being as prescriptive as tom said. The other thing I would like to hear is what the registrar’s opinion on this is. They have told us in the past that it might not be the greatest idea. Also, conversation in M&C – there have been other student proposals in the past and students have voted it down.

Heidi - I also want to know what registrar says re transferability to another institution.

Brendan - hasn’t this body before voted in favour for +/- grading only to have it ignored?

Paul - I was going to say that part of this motion should be a discussion of +/- grading as well.

Amendment - to let departments know to discuss +/- as well

Motion passed

Parking proposal

Jeff - this is going up. It’s going to be more restrictive and you’ll be assigned a lot. Can’t move as freely as can now.

Carolyn - if I’m going to pay such an increase, will be guaranteed there will be a space? They always oversell now. For this cost I would expect a reserved spot

John - G2 currently includes rec centre lot - would that mean we can’t park there?

Jeff - would have to park around back where busses park.

John - would have to rename the lot.

Tom - comment from M&C that radical change going on is they’re going to start ticketing. One of big complaints was people would go from dorm lot to bangsberg – trying to cut down on students driving from residence to bangsberg etc. a lot of students from resident halls were taking the parking spots

Crystal - I assume the PE lot are commuter lots, but what also will happen will free up the parking lots for game parking. If they come to commuter lots, students can’t park there and spots would free up, and incentive for the changes they’re proposing.

Cheryl - re enforcement re AIRC need to do a better job of enforcing- ticket stand takes up a spot. Players and coaches all park there and the list goes on, if they’re going to expect us to pay higher rates, they’d better do a better job of enforcement

Janice Haworth - I’ve been on the parking committee for three years and we’ve never had a meeting and it hasn’t come to us at all

Cheryl - I move that this plan be sent to parking committee

Second - Rod
Tom- we’d have to make a note in M&C that they didn’t use the committee.

Motion passed

**AAR stipend**

If you do an AAR you get $ sent to your Prof develop $$\$. They are proposing to drop this. Going forward starting next academic year

Tom- they will pay duty days in the summer, unless you’re a chair.

Jeff- this costs $30k and they want to save this

Heidi- how are they going to get people to work this?

Jeff- your good nature? Promoting your department? Looks good on PDP?

If you have comments on this, send me an email

**HLC Quality Initiative**

Survey sent out, which of four initiatives would you want? If there are any questions or concerns going forward, please let us know

**Determining quality faculty and quality faculty guidelines**

This will not start next year, but very strict guidelines on who is qualified to teach a university course. SEE ASSUMED PRACTISES handout

Need a master’s to teach an undergraduate or 18 credits. To teach graduate, need PhD.

Keith- this excludes TAs that are enrolled in the course

Jeff- there will be issues with departments who have GAs teaching classes/labs. Need to keep our eyes on this. If it comes gospel, will need to address

Christel- we had some discussion on this for the grad committee. Was my understanding that exemption of TA does not apply if the faculty mentors the student. It has to be directly that the instructor of record has the master’s degree. The other thing re grad program was not clear that does it apply to only courses, but what about the double number courses with grad and undergrad in at same time.

Jeff- this applies across the board.

**Calculations of lab loads.**

Jeff- discussion on this has been going back and forth and is ongoing; is happening on a department by department level. Biology and Chem have been having issues. This is how your load sheet is recorded and compensated. If your department is having issues, please let us know so that we can take that forward

Andrew- making some headway for Biology
Zero credit courses being used as mechanism to pay student feels

Jeff - My feeling is that a course has to come through curriculum and a course has to have content. We as a body know what courses are there, and what the content is. This flies in the face of that.

Christel - continuous enrolment class – can’t be against every zero credit class

Jeff - that is NOT what I’m saying- it needs to go through curriculum

Brian - faculty needs to be in control of the curriculum

Roster changes from last time

Jeff - administration opted not to do. They made the one that was clerical and the faculty member was supportive of that and is relatively good news.

Treasurer

Sheila - only expense were food for this meeting and office supplies

Curriculum

Seven that are listed here, approved them all

Lib Ed approved all.

Grad - approved by all

Jeff - any discussion? No

Passed.

Student Survey of Faculty

Deb - student decided to pursue other means to collect information

Student Achievement Conference

Troy - please encourage your students to attend. Couple of changes- will not have keynote breakfast. Will be lunch instead and key note as part of that. Finger food available. Presentations begin at 9am. Poster presentations begin at 10:30.

Troy looking for a driver to Winona next week

Carol - CPD will be sending out a form CONTACT Carol Neilson

Adjourn: 5:10pm