BSUFA Faculty Senate Minutes
Monday, September 11, 2000

Members Present: Bill Brauer, Pat Conely, Eric Forsyth, George Gardner, Rich Gendreau, Rod Henry, Jo Jordan, Del Lyren, Brendan McManus, Charlie O’Connor, Wally Peck, Debra Peterson, Elizabeth Rave, Jim Richards, Kay Robinson, Pat Rogers, Pat Rosenbrock, Barb Schuld, Carol Struve, Jeff Totten, Ken Traxler, John Truedson, Randy Westhoff

Guests: Jim Brouwer, Tom Fauchald, Glen Richgels, Sarah Young

President Chris Brown called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m., Monday, September 11, 2000. The minutes of the previous meeting, May 1, 2000, were approved without opposition.

President Brown drew everyone’s attention to the new location for senate meetings, Hagg-Sauer 107, and to the use of name cards for ease of identification. The BSUFA administrative assistant, Wendy Larson, was introduced and ensconced as recorder of the minutes, as no member volunteered to relieve her.

President’s Report:
1. President Brown proposed the following revision to the 1999-2000 Operating Guidelines for BSUFA Senate. After discussion, the proposed guidelines passed without opposition.

   The special rules of order are:
   1. Begin at 4:00 p.m. or when a quorum of 21 senators is present; a meeting cannot begin until a quorum is established.
   2. Reserve the back two rows for visitors.
   3. Adjourn at 5:15 p.m. (or before).
   4. If the business is not concluded by 5:15, another senate meeting will be held on the next Monday that is a duty day.
   5. Senate minutes will be distributed to all faculty via e-mail, with a hard copy sent to any senator who requests it.
   6. Agendas for meetings will be posted on e-mail.
   7. Jo Jordan will serve as parliamentarian.

2. Regarding Co-Location, President Brown reported that Phase Two information will be forthcoming.

3. President Brown proposed that senators may submit agenda items for BSUFA Meet & Confer meetings, which would provide an opportunity for the administration to respond for the public record. The suggestion was approved without opposition.

Committee Reports:
4. Budget, Finance, and Allocation Committee: Chair Tom Fauchald reported on the current status of the MnSCU allocation model, including an upcoming instructional cost
study that will compare instructional programs with similar programs across MnSCU. This follows more of a business model, and one upshot is that a credit will no longer hold the same value across disciplines. Fauchald will report on the MnSCU Board decision at the October senate meeting.

5. **Professional Improvement and Development Committee:** Chair Fauchald urged faculty to watch for and fill out an upcoming faculty survey that will help determine the use of professional improvement funds for the next ten years.

Kay Robinson moved to charge the committee with developing and distributing a prioritized list of criteria, explained in some detail, for use in evaluation of professional improvement grants. Carol Struve seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion carried with some opposition.

6. **Governmental Relations Committee:** Chair Fauchald reported that the committee will be scheduling forums, including with Doug Fuller and Susan Hoosier, on Mondays in October (not first Mondays) regarding in part the IFO-proposed MnSCU budget.

7. **Committee on Committees:** A ballot was distributed for a vote on a BSUFA Academic Affairs Committee representative to serve on the University Recruitment and Retention Planning Committee. Jim Brouwer was elected.


9. **Computing, Technology and Learning Resources Planning Committee:** Chair Glen Richgels reported on the IMS software package, to be put on regional servers, for development of Web-based courses. Three companies will be doing presentations.

A second group will be looking at student computer use on campus and considering whether BSU should require computers for students, and if so, what kind?

Richgels invited faculty to work on these groups.

Along these lines, President Brown announced the commencement of a new computer domain name, from “vax1.bemidji.msus.edu” to “bemidjistate.edu,” approved by the BSUFA Executive Committee on the Senate’s behalf during the summer.

**Unfinished Business:**
10. The **Liberal Education Report** from April 19, 2000, which was held over from the May Senate meeting, was passed unopposed.

11. **Jo Jordan** thanked the Senate for the gift she received at the May Senate meeting as outgoing Senate president.

**New Business:**
12. President Brown brought forward Jon Quistgaard’s request that the Senate make recommendations regarding the **2001 Summer School schedule and academic calendars for 2002-03 and 2003-04**. Charlie O’Connor moved that the BSUFA Academic Affairs Committee be charged to make these recommendations and to report them back to the Senate. Jim Richards seconded the motion, which passed unopposed.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.