BSUFA Faculty Senate Minutes
Monday, October 2, 2000

Members Present: Chris Brown (President), Pat Conely, Deanna Evans, Eric Forsyth, Charles Gagel, Rich Gendreau, Rod Henry, Richard Hook, Jo Jordan, Brendan McManus, Charlie O’Connor, Ron Oldham, Wally Peck, Debra Peterson, Elizabeth Rave, Jim Richards, Kay Robinson, Pat Rogers, Pat Rosenbrock, Barb Schuldt, Carol Struve, Jeff Totten, Randy Westhoff

Guests: Dave Carlson, Kevin Drexel, Tom Fauchald, Robert Griggs, Sharon Gritzmacher, Jon Quistgaard, Glen Richgels

President Chris Brown called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m., Monday, October 2, 2000. Charlie O’Connor moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, September 11, 2000, Debra Peterson seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved without revision.

Tom Fauchald presented the dates of the next candidate forums: October 9 with Minnesota House District 4 candidates Susan Hoosier, Doug Fuller, and Adam Steele, and October 16 with Minnesota Senate candidates Tony Kinkel and Bill Lawrence.

President Brown announced that in the event of unfinished business, a Senate meeting would be scheduled for Monday, October 23.

President’s Report:
1. Robert Griggs, Dean, Distance Learning and Summer School, and Dave Carlson, Registrar, distributed, introduced, and briefly fielded comments about the draft 2001 Summer School Planning Guide. Griggs then asked that reactions be sent to him by October 23 or sooner. President Brown directed those present to look through the handout and bring questions to the next meeting, upon which Charlie O’Connor moved to table discussion of and action on the guide until the October 23 meeting. Jo Jordan seconded the motion, which passed with no opposition.

2. Kevin Drexel, Assistant to the President for Enrollment Management, distributed a handout on faculty recruitment initiatives; further initiatives could be brought to the Senate through both the Recruitment and Retention Committee and Meet and Confer. His office is exploring the ideas of creating a targeted recruiting piece for newly admitted students, separating SOAR into more distinct orientation and registration events, and establishing student cohorts.

Committee Reports:
3. Computing, Technology and Learning Resources Planning Committee: Chair Glen Richgels reported that data was being collected to help decide, hopefully by the end of the year, what kind of computers to purchase for the faculty. It was suggested that
different models should be available for faculty to try out. No answer yet on what will happen to the old faculty computers.

Whether students should be required to have computers was also discussed. An earlier survey indicated that while the vast majority of students need a computer for their major, they also would not have come to BSU if a computer had been required. Students would need to be made aware that if a computer is required, financial aid could cover it. Other issues include whether computers would be required for all levels students, whether the network could handle the load, and whether students would be advised regarding the capacity, software, etc., they would need.

4. Committee on Committees: Chair Sharon Gritzmacher reported that Rod Henry had resigned from the Professional Improvement and Development Committee and from the Recruitment and Retention Planning Committee, and that John Truedson had volunteered to take his place on the latter committee. Jo Jordan moved that Truedson be approved to serve on the committee. The motion was seconded and passed without opposition.

Gritzmacher raised the issue of how to handle absences on BSUFA committees. In the constitution, faculty are no longer eligible to serve after three unexcused absences, and if they are not eligible to serve on BSUFA committees, they are not eligible to serve on planning or IFO committees. After some discussion, Gritzmacher suggested that committee chairs should be responsible for notifying committee members when they have three unexcused absences. This will be taken up at the next Senate meeting. President Brown suggested that the Constitutional Review Committee could consider this issue, too.

Gritzmacher also mentioned that no terms have yet been set for the planning committees, the difficulty being that if they are tied to the BSUFA committee terms, some planning committees will have all or most of their members’ terms expiring in the same year.

Gritzmacher reported that there is greater faculty representation on committees than in the past and that it is more across the board. She also urged senators to encourage non-members to join, even if they are new faculty.

5. Academic Integrity Committee: Eric Forsyth opened discussion of the committee’s recommendation for handling alleged violations of academic integrity, e.g., plagiarism. Briefly, the recommendation includes 1) shifting jurisdiction for handling such cases from the Academic Judicial Review Board to the University Conduct Board; 2) instituting an XF grade, which would indicate that the student has violated academic integrity; and 3) instituting an Academic Integrity course that, once taken, would change an XF grade to an F. Fairly extensive discussion focused on whether faculty or the Conduct Board should award the XF grade, whether simply taking the course should enable the grade to be changed, and whether students are given enough information regarding what constitutes cheating and plagiarism.
A motion to accept part 1 did not carry. A motion to accept part 2 carried with opposition. A motion to accept part 3 did not carry.

**Unfinished Business:** None.

**New Business:** None.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.