BSUFA Faculty Senate Minutes  
Monday, October 23, 2000  

Members present: Chris Brown (President), Deanna Evans, Eric Forsyth, Charles Gagel, George Gardner, Rich Gendreau, Richard Hook, Jo Jordan, Brendan McManus, Charles O’Connor, Ron Oldham, Deb Peterson, Elizabeth Rave, Jim Richards, Kay Robinson, Pat Rogers, Pat Rosenbrock, Barb Schuldt, Jeff Totten, Jon Truedson, Pat Welle, Randy Westhoff  

Members absent: Charles Alberti, Pat Conely, Pat Donnay, Rod Henry, Julie Larson, Del Lyren, Louise Mengelkoch, Wally Peck, Jack Reynolds, Scott Sasse, Kent Smith, Carol Struve, Ken Traxler, Rod Witt  

I. The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m.  

II. Secretary of the Senate. Charles O’Connor moved and Jo Jordan seconded the motion that Deb Peterson be accepted as recording secretary of the senate. Motion passed.  

III. Approval of the minutes from the last senate meeting. Charles O’Connor moved and Jeff Totten seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2000 meeting. The motion passed.  

IV. President’ Report  

A. For recognition of involvement in the senate, senators were given insulated coffee cups from TIAA-CREF.  

B. From Meet and Confer, Friday, October 20th.  

1. Phase II of the co-location project will be starting soon. A call will soon go out for committee members.  

2. Should CTLR be charged with investigating the potential of providing faculty members with a 24-hour, 7 days a week full-link, off-campus, access to the internet? This would help those faculty members who are becoming involved in teaching e-courses. Rich Gendreau moved that CTLR be charged with investigating the potential of providing faculty members with a 24-hour, 7 days a week full-link, off-campus, access to the internet. Pat Welle seconded the motion. Ron Oldham offered a friendly amendment that CTLR also investigate what other universities are doing. The motion (including the friendly amendment) passed.  

3. Should either CTLR or the budget committee be asked to investigate the development of a campus-wide voice mail system? No action was taken.  

4. Campus-wide committee meeting times sometimes conflict, posing a problem for some faculty members. Should Academic Affairs be asked to
investigate the possibility of scheduling classes around meeting times? Brendan moved that Academic Affairs be charged with investigating the possibility of creating a meeting time for committees during which time classes would not be scheduled. Jo Jordan seconded the motion. The motion passed.

5. The BSU administration has had to shut down a computer lab in Decker Hall due to the use of computers to show pornographic material. Should the Center for Professional Development asked to develop a policy regarding computer use? Ron Oldham suggested there may not be a need for this action as the old technology committee had developed a policy. Ron was asked to bring back this information to the next senate meeting.

6. A computer monitor was stolen from Hagg-Sauer 100 recently. The administration proposed putting a security camera in the room, but the IFO contract prevents this from happening. What methods might help provide security for this and similar classrooms? The pros and cons of installing a locking cabinet and an alarm system were discussed. Charlie O’Connor moved that faculty ask the administration what they have done or plan to do about this situation. Jo Jordan seconded the motion. The motion passed.

7. The Center for Environmental Studies would like to change its name to the Center for Environmental Earth and Space Studies. Charlie O’Connor moved that the name change be accepted. Jo Jordan seconded the motion. The motion passed.

V. Committee Reports

A. Curriculum Report

1. Kaye Robinson objected to changes in the English major B.S., Teaching Licensure. The English department is proposing that two courses from Theater and Speech Communication be dropped (Basics of Speech Communication (THSP 1100) and Oral Interpretation (THSP 2200)). Senator Robinson’s primary concern is that English teachers will need to know how to evaluate public speaking, and that component will now be absent from the curriculum. Speaking for the English department, Deanna Evans stated that the primary reasons these courses have been dropped is to meet licensure requirements and because speaking is dealt with both in College Writing and Education courses.

George Gardner expressed concern that the expansion of the technical writing course from 2-3 credits would be burdensome on the accounting program.
Senators’ Robinson and Gardner also expressed concern that their programs had not been notified of these changes.

Jo Jordan moved to divide the question removing the English department’s proposed changes out from the rest of the curriculum report. Charlie O’Connor seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Jo Jordan moved to send the English portion back to the committee for further study and recommendation for the purpose of allowing affected programs to comment. Seconded by Pat Rosenbrock. The motion carried.

2. Jon Truedson expressed concern over the Math proposal to modify the Elementary Education Mathematics Emphasis so that students could upgrade from a mathematics specialty to an emphasis by taking an additional two courses in mathematics. His understanding of requirements is that emphases were for academic areas where there are no specialties. Senator Truedson moved to divide this particular program modification proposal from the rest of the curriculum report. Jo Jordan seconded the motion. The motion did not pass.

3. The senate approved the curriculum report.

B. Liberal Education

Kay Robinson reported on behalf of the committee. As a part of the regular rotation, Area III courses are “sunsetting” this academic year and are being re-submitted for consideration as Liberal Education courses. Because it is likely that most course submissions will not reflect major curricular changes that would mandate review by the Curriculum Committee, the best routing is to have submissions sent to Kay Robinson (Director of Liberal Education) rather than to Susan Hauser (Curriculum Director). This routing would avoid unnecessarily increasing Professor Hauser’s workload and would lessen the possibility of submissions getting lost. Professor Hauser agrees that this is a sensible plan. The Liberal Education Committee would take responsibility for routing any courses needing to go through the Curriculum Committee process back to Professor Hauser. Senator Robinson moved that this new routing be accepted by the senate. The motion passed.

C. Professional Improvement and Development Committee

Tom Fauchild reported on behalf of the committee. The committee proposed three options for how it processes applications for professional improvement grants. The committee preferred option 3. Charlie O’Connor moved that option 3 be used to process applications for professional improvement grants. Brendan McManus seconded the motion. The motion carried.
Option three is as follows: Faculty apply for grants, the Committee evaluates the grant based on the criteria and priority established from the faculty survey. The Committee’s recommendations are forwarded to the Vice President of Academic Affairs who makes the final decision. Those not receiving grants receive a small explanation of why they did not receive the grant. The winning grants are announced to the campus with descriptions of the project and the amount of the grant. All grant applications (winners and losers) are made available at an administrative office for examination. This is done so that people could find out how their particular proposal compares with other proposals and faculty can see examples of funded proposals for their own proposal development.

D. Academic Affairs

Kay Robinson reported on behalf of the committee. Because of when the July 4th holiday falls in 2001 (a Wednesday, with only one or two more days of classes following it), Senator Robinson moved that the following changes be made to the proposed Summer School 2001 Schedule:

- 5-week classes start on June 4, meet one Friday during the session, delete July 5 class meeting, and complete class meeting schedule on July 3;
- 4-week classes start on June 4 and complete class meeting schedule on June 29;
- 3-week classes start on June 11 and complete class meeting schedule on June 29.

No specific Friday will be designated as a meeting time for the 5-week classes. It will be up to particular classes to decide. Senator Totten called for the question. The motion carried.

E. Computing, Technology and Learning Resources

1. Leo Morgan is trying to build two more smart classrooms.
2. Fred Hartmann will be asking for input from faculty regarding laptop choices.
3. The committee is looking for input in deciding which IMS program to go with. There will be an open forum on October 30, at 3:00 for those who wish to have their voices be heard.

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

The next senate meeting is November 6th, 4:00 p.m. in HS 107.