BSUFA Faculty Senate
Minutes for December 18, 2000 (meeting continued from December 11)


Members Absent: Pat Conely, Pat Donnay, Charles Gagel, Del Lyren, Kay Robinson, Scott Sasse, Barb Schuldt, Carol Struve, Jeff Totten, and John Truedson,

Members Absent (excused): Jo Jordan

I. President Brown resumed the meeting from December 11, 2000.

II. President’s Report
   A. Planning vs. action. President Brown reported on the distinction between planning and action in relation to the planning committees and the traditional Meet and Confer process.

III. Committee Reports, continued
   A. Computing, Technology and Learning Resources
      1. Senator Evans moved and Senator Richards seconded a motion to recognize Mike Smith. The motion carried. Mr. Smith recommended that the senate approve the offer by CISCO Systems to upgrade the current BSU computer internet network. It will end up costing about $500,000 with $350,000 coming out of student fees and the rest out of dorm fees. It will also cost $18,000 to maintain the system (with no new hires). It will mean putting in new fiber optics outside of the buildings; the cables in the walls will not need replacing. There will be no charges to departments. Senator Rosenbrock called the question. The motion carried.

      2. Senator McManus moved and Senator Richards seconded a motion to recognize Sue Kringen. The motion passed. Sue reported on the progress of the Outreach and Partnership committee.

      3. Computer Services would like to upgrade email.

      4. BSUFA Academic Computing Committee examined the computing standards and concluded that there needs to be a more comprehensive policy statement. The committee recommends that they work with the Center for Professional Development to develop a policy regarding use of the World Wide Web. The motion carried.
5. Fred Hartmann will have the results of the faculty laptop survey by the end of this week. Results can be accessed at: http://bemidjistate.edu/~fredh/surveysummary.htm

6. Data from the student surveys have been entered and are being analyzed.

B. Curriculum Committee

1. Curriculum Coordinator position.

The Curriculum Committee suggests that the jobs of catalog editor and curriculum coordinator would together make an excellent and unified full-time clerical position.

Furthermore, the curriculum committee cannot recommend that any faculty take on the job of curriculum coordinator without release time

Finally, the committee would like to thank Susan Hauser for her hard work well beyond the call of duty as Curriculum Coordinator

2. Curriculum Report V (Biology, Physical Education, and Sociology). Senator Forsyth moved that the Senate approve these proposals. The motion carried.

3. Curriculum Report VI (Music and Professional Education). Senator Forsyth moved that the Senate approve these proposals. The motion carried.

C. Liberal Education Committee

Senator Richards moved and Senator Evans seconded a motion asking the committee to cease requiring specific language on the syllabi of proposed liberal education courses. Senator Richards expressed concern that the committee is requiring too much specificity on the syllabi for proposed liberal education courses. Senator O’Connor said that all proposed liberal education course syllabi are examined to make sure they meet liberal education objectives. If the objectives are not met, the committee asks the professors to include information showing that the objectives are met. Senator Henry moved to table the motion until the next senate meeting at which time the committee will report on the process it uses to examine proposed courses. Senator O’Connor seconded the motion. The motion passed.
D. Out-Reach and Partnership. Dave Kingsbury reporting

1. The University Outreach and Partnership Committee would like to ask the BSU staff and faculty about their external contacts in order to better understand what sorts of external links exist and to understand how to better nurture and cultivate these links.

2. The committee has been trying to get a handle on what “out-reach” and “partnership” mean as a part of its committee charge.

E. Committee on Committees

They will report at the next senate meeting.

F. Constitutional Review

Senator McManus provided senators with the text of four (proposed) amendments to the BSU constitution (and one for discussion only). We will be having considerable discussion related to these four amendments. These proposed amendments are as follows:

AMENDMENT 1: To the end of Article VII Section E: The written record of Senate proceedings shall be archived in an enduring form and in a place where it can be consulted by members of the BSUFA. The Recording Secretary of the Senate shall see to it that the written records of Senate proceedings are archived.

AMENDMENT 2A: To the end of Article VII Section F: In the absence of the Recording Secretary of the Senate, the duties of the Recording Secretary devolve upon the BSUFA Secretary. In the absence of both, the President may designate a member of the BSUFA to make a written record of Senate Proceedings.

AMENDMENT 2B: To the end of Article V, Section A, Subsection 3: In the absence of the BSUFA Secretary, the Recording Secretary of the Senate may undertake the BSUFA Secretary’s duties.

AMENDMENT 3: To the end of Article VIII, Section D: The term for membership on any University-wide committee for which membership on a BSUFA committee is a prerequisite shall follow the term on the BSUFA committee. When membership on a BSUFA committee ends, membership on any University-wide committee for which the membership on the BSUFA committee is the prerequisite shall end at the same time.

FOR DISCUSSION ONLY: Article V Section E: Remove the modifier, “unexcused” from the section?
G.  Budget and Resource Allocation.  Tom Fauchald gave a brief report on the 2000 cost study and referred senators to a handout they had received via email.

IV.  Officer’s Reports

A.  Negotiator’s Report.  Senator Henry reporting

The negotiation team has met to work on proposed contract language and might meet with the other side in January.  Some of the areas they have been working on are: the language regarding computer-assisted mediated learning, how credit for lab instruction should be counted, health care, dental care, and benefits for domestic partners.

V.  New Business.  There was no new business.

VI.  The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Peterson