I. President Brown called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

II. Approval of minutes for December 11 and 18th, 2000. Charlie O’Connor moved and Barb Schuldt seconded approval of the minutes. Senator Peterson asked that one minor correction had to be made to the December 11, 2000 minutes: V.B. and V.C. are still part of the Academic Affairs committee report. Motion passed.

III. President’s Report

A. President Brown passed out a copy of a bill that Senator Tony Kinkel will be presenting before the state legislature. The bill would require “that any lower-division course credits earned in a course taught at a North Central Association of Colleges and Schools-accredited institution within the system and by a faculty member who has a master’s degree, be accepted for full credit at any other college or university within the system.” Senator Hook stated that this bill might be an outgrowth of difficulties the technical college has had in getting the BSU Psychology department to accept its course in lieu of our introductory Psychology course. After studying the technical college course syllabus, the BSU Psychology department said the courses were not equivalent—the technical college course does not cover as much material as the BSU course. BSU faculty senators expressed concern over Senator Kinkel’s proposed action. We have an articulation agreement that is in place that places authority at the department level where it belongs. In addition, senators mentioned that we still accept the credits from the technical college toward general education, even though they may not apply to a specific major. So that senators could express their concern in writing, Senator Kinkel’s email address is Sen.tony.kinkel@senate.leg.state.mn.us.

B. The MnSCU Board of Directors passed the allocation model. Under this model, BSU will face budget difficulties that will probably translate into a 20% tuition hike. President Brown has already talked about this possibility with the Student Senate President. MnSCU officials believe that BSU’s can make cuts in the...
noninstructional areas, and that it is the faculty’s job to monitor administrative adherence to the model.

C. The negotiators will be meeting with the other side to exchange language. Language issues will be discussed February 8-9, and budget issues on March 22-24.

D. The Student Senate President, wished to voice student concerns about the proposed academic calendars. Senator Jordan moved to suspend the agenda so that the President could address the senators. Senator McManus seconded the motion. The motion passed. He stated that students want both breaks during the semester and to start after Labor Day. Some students have specifically asked for Veteran’s Day off. Fewer concerns were expressed regarding spring semester.

There was some further discussion on calendars, representing a rehash of ideas and concerns expressed in earlier meetings. As this item will be discussed at a future meeting, Senators Rosenbrock and Jordan suggested that further discussion on this topic is out of order.

E. MNSCU will be here Tuesday Jan 30 to discuss higher education budget concerns.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Liberal Education. Senator O’Connor reported that some faculty members have objected to having to include the liberal education learning objectives in their course syllabi. Prior to being tabled to this meeting, 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 Weaver offered a substitute motion to allow the liberal education objectives to be addressed on an addendum attached to course syllabi. Senator O’Connor seconded this motion. It was made clear that faculty members can choose to either address the objectives in their syllabi or attach an addendum. In discussion senators asked if separate syllabi would have to be turned in for those who teach separate sections of the same course. Senator Rosenbrock mentioned that past practice was that separate syllabi had to be turned in. Guest Susan Hauser mentioned that current practice is to have one person submit a syllabus on behalf of all those teaching the course. The substitute motion passed.

B. Committee on Committees. Senator O’Connor reported on behalf of the committee. In October the committee asked the Senate for direction on several issues among which was identifying the individual responsible for notifying non-attending committee members of their removal from committee rosters. Having received no specific direction on this issue, the Committee-on-Committees requests that the following two motions be put forth:
1. that the chair of each BSUFA committee be responsible for notifying non-
attending members of their removal. In discussion it was also requested
that the chair also notify the affected area that they were no longer
represented. The motion passed.

2. that non-attendance at planning committee meetings be reported to the
BSUFA Executive Committee. The Executive Committee will then
address the issue of non-attendance with the committee member. In
discussion it was made clear that attendance should pertain to official
meetings of the committees. Senator Totten called the question. The
motion passed.

C. Constitutional Review. Senator McManus reminded the senators of the proposed
amendments that were published in the previous senate minutes. Senator
O’Connor moved and Senator Peterson seconded the motion that henceforth, all
proposed changes to the BSUFA constitution must be brought before the BSUFA
Faculty Senate where they must receive a two-thirds majority vote in order to be
brought before the BSUFA membership. Furthermore, all recommendations from
the Constitutional Review Committee are subject to revision by the BSUFA
Faculty Senate prior to being brought before the BSUFA membership for
discussion and consideration. Rather than vote on the motion, the senate voted to
send the motion to Constitutional Review for their consideration and for them to
report the issue back to the senate.

V. There was no new business. Senator O’Connor moved and Senator Gendreau moved to
adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Peterson