BSUFA Faculty Senate
Minutes for April 2, 2001

Members Present: Chris Brown, Pat Conely, Pat Donnay, Deanna Evans, Eric Forsyth, Charles Gagel, George Gardner, Rich Gendreau, Janice Haworth, Louise Jackson, Jo Jordan, Brendan McManus, Charlie O’Connor, Ron Oldham, Wally Peck, Deb Peterson, Elizabeth Rave, Jim Richards, Blanca Rivera, Pat Rosenbrock, Scott Sasse, Barb Schuldt, Carol Struve, Jeff Totten, Ken Traxler, John Truedson, Rose Weaver, Pat Welle, Randy Westhoff, Rod Witt, Sarah Young,

Absent (excused): Jim Brouwer, Jack Reynolds

I. The Senate was called to order at 4:01.

II. Approval of minutes from the last Senate meeting. Senator O’Connor moved that the Senate approve the minutes from March 5, 2001. Senator Schuldt seconded the motion. The motion passed.

III. President’s report

A. The Student Senate proposes putting together a faculty honor roll. A student representative from the Student Senate spoke on behalf of this idea. The purpose of the honor roll is to honor excellent teachers. All professors and graduate assistants would be considered for this honor. The number honored per year would be around 10. Senators were asked what criteria should be considered? (e.g., innovativeness, working relationship with students, openness, working relationship with students outside of the classroom, presentation of material, and availability) We were also asked to forward our concerns and reactions.

The Senate agreed to take the student idea under advisement and discuss it at another meeting of the Senate.

B. Legislative matters. The Student Senate has voted to support the BSUFA Senate position on Tony Kinkels’ bill.

C. The potential closing of the BSU Print Shop. The two full-time print shop workers will be retiring as of April 13. The administration proposes bringing in Arrow Printing as a stopgap until the end of the year. What are our concerns?

- How will money be saved by going off-campus?
- Will any custom print job have to go off-campus?
- Will everything be printed off-campus? There are serious ramifications for printing tests off-campus.
- Who would bear the brunt of the closing? Is it possible that more copying would be done in departments at greater cost to departments?
The Senate decided it wanted to influence how the RFP for printing services would be written. Senator Jackson moved and Senator Gendreau seconded a motion to charge the Budget Committee with exploring the financial implications of closing the Print Shop. Then motion passed.

D. There is an open budget meeting in the Crying Wolf room next Monday, April 9. Concerned faculty members are urged to attend.

E. The BSU Faculty Association met prior to this Faculty Senate meeting to discuss the proposed constitutional amendments. Faculty will have a chance to vote on these proposed amendments soon. Watch your mailboxes.

The initial IFO economic proposal was discussed. The proposal involves a 20% pay increase for both FY02 and FY03. There is concern for how our salaries have slipped relative to those at schools of our type nationwide. Low pay is thought to be the reason for so many failed searches (71) this last year in the MnSCU system.

The IFO is also proposing a 9 credit teaching load with 3 credits reassigned to meet the other contract requirements.

IV. Committees

A. Academic Affairs Planning Committee. The committee has been working on revising language in the documents governing five-year review and assessment. The language in those documents was not melded together very well. If you have comments or suggestions for revisions please forward them to the committee.

B. Constitutional Review. Senator McManus reported that the text of the proposed amendments can be found in previous BSUFA monthly minutes, and was handed out at the BSU Faculty Association meeting held prior to this meeting. A ratification vote will be forthcoming.

C. Curriculum. Senator Forsyth moved that Senate approve Curriculum Report VIII governing proposals from Accounting, Biology, Business Administration, Criminal Justice, English, and Geography be approved.

Senator Witt moved to have the Criminal Justice proposals remanded back to the department. Senator Schuldt seconded the motion. Senator Witt explained that he had not been aware of these changes until after they had come through the Curriculum Committee; moreover, he did not recall that the department had either addressed or approved the final proposals. Don Bradel, chair of Criminal Justice, stated that department meetings had been held, and memos were circulated to all department members during the proposal development process. Feedback was requested at all stages.
Senator Truedson moved to divide the question so that the Senate discuss and approve the Curriculum Report except for Criminal Justice and that Criminal Justice be discussed separately. Senator Oldham seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Senator Gendreau asked for clarification on the Accounting proposal for course 3118. He noted that changes to the course description are proposed but that no language was provided as to what those changes are. Senator Gardner explained that there were no changes in the course—only in the description of the course.

As there were no additional questions, the Senate voted and approved Curriculum Report VIII (absent the Criminal Justice proposals).

Senator Forsyth reported that the department had stated that all affected departments/individuals had been notified. Senator Richards asked if minutes had been taken at Criminal Justice department meetings. Senator Bradel reported they do not keep minutes. Senator Truedson moved to table the Criminal Justice proposals until next Senate meeting. Senator Schuldt seconded the motion. Senator Totten moved to call the question. Senator Richards seconded the motion. The motion to call the question passed. The Senate voted on the motion to table the Criminal Justice proposals. The motion was defeated. The Senate voted on the motion to approve the Criminal Justice proposals. The motion passed.

D. Liberal Education Committee. Kay Robinson reported that the committee has examined course submissions for possible inclusion in Area III. They asked that the Senate approve the courses from English, Humanities, Music, Philosophy, Theatre and Speech Communication, Visual Arts, Anthropology, Economics, Geography, Nursing, Physical Education, Political Science, Psychology, and International Studies. They also recommended that the Senate approve course modifications from Science. They also recommended that the Senate approve dropping the listed courses from English, History, Modern Languages, Physics, and Religious Studies, and adding the listed course from International Studies. The Senate approved the recommendations.

E. Student and University Services. The findings from the student satisfaction survey indicate improvement in 9 of 11 areas. The only areas showing were declines in satisfaction were parking and security. The committee would like to make these results known more publicly—especially the positive results.

F. Budget and Resource Allocation Committee. Senator Welle asked that members watch for language change regarding their charge.
V. Unfinished Business.

A. Academic Computing. Web Standards. Sarah Young reported on behalf of Glen Richgels. They want to send their draft proposal on to the planning committee. Senator McManus moved to strike the word “strictly” from the first line. The motion failed for lack of a second. Senator Totten called the question, and Senator Jackson seconded the motion. The motion passed. The Senate approved sending the draft proposal on to the planning committee.

As there was no additional new business, the Senate adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Peterson