BSUFA Senate Meeting  
October 1, 2001

Members Present: Karenlee Alexander, Thomas Beech, Drago Bilanovic, Chris Brown, Pat Conely, Laurie Desiderato, Brian Donovan, George Gardner, Rich Gendreau, Janice Haworth, Annie Henry, Rod Henry, Elaine Hoffman, Jo Jordan, Christina Kippenhan, Brendan McManus, Carol Milowski, Leon Nelson, Ron Oldham, Deb Peterson, Elizabeth Rave, Jack Reynolds, Jim Richards, Kay Robinson, Pat Rosenbrock, Barb Schuldt, Carol Struve, Jeff Totten, Pat Welle, Randy Westhoff, Rod Witt, and Sarah Young

Guests: Gerald Amble, John Arneson, Elizabeth Dunn, Dave Larkin, Jon Quistgaard

Members Absent: Ken Traxler

Members Absent (excused): Susan Hauser

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

II. Members of the administration spoke regarding the strike and responded to questions.

III. Approval of the minutes from the September 10 and 17 meetings. Gendreau/second moved to accept the minutes. The motion passed without opposition.

IV. President’s Report

A. In relation to faculty support of striking workers, Brown emphasized that faculty cannot carry a sign that implies the faculty member is on strike, but it can say they support striking workers.

B. Regarding faculty travel funds, there actually is no delay in allocation. The perceived delay was due to the way calendars were switched around.

C. Brown proposed that the Senate meet again on Monday, October 08, in part to keep updated on the status of the strike. McManus moved; passed without objection. It was so ordered.


VI. Committee Reports — Curriculum Committee — Dunn moved that Curriculum Report II be accepted. The following correction was made to the report: for MATH 3064, the new title should be “Number Concepts for Elementary and Middle School Teachers,” the word “Number” having been omitted. The motion then passed without opposition.

VII. Unfinished Business

A. Milowski/second moved to table until next week consideration of the draft of the approval process for new policy. The motion passed without opposition.
B. By consensus, Brown delayed until next week consideration of the use of old computers purchased through student fees.

VIII. New Business

A. Regarding faculty representation on the search committee for the Vice President for Academic Affairs, Schuldt/second moved to approve the BSUFA Executive Committee recommendations (six faculty). After discussion, the motion passed.

B. By consensus, Brown delayed until next week consideration of the proposed Summer School schedule, to allow senators time to present it to their constituencies.

C. After discussion of the new deadlines for promotion, tenure, retention, and sabbatical, R. Henry/second moved to move back to March 18 the date for feedback to the faculty from the dean. The motion passed. R. Henry/second then moved to also move back, to March 25, the date for evaluation to the vice president. The motion passed. R. Henry/second moved to accept the rest of the deadlines. The motion passed without objection.

D. Donovan/second moved that “The Bemidji State University Faculty Association wholeheartedly supports our colleagues in AFSCME Council 6 and MAPE in their current efforts to secure more adequate pay and health benefits.” The motion passed without opposition. Jordan/second moved that it be noted for the record that the previous resolution was passed unanimously.

E. Jordan/second moved to express appreciation to Dan Gartrell, which was passed by a round of applause.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Larson