BSUFA Senate Meeting  
December 3, 2001

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

Members Absent: Carol Milowski, Jeff Totten, Ken Traxler

Members Absent (excused): George Gardner

Guests: Elizabeth Dunn, Eric Forsyth, Glen Richgels, Joanne Torfin

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

I. President’s Report

   A. Joanne Torfin, Co-Chair of the Vote “YES!” for Kids Committee, spoke briefly about the operating levy referendum before District #31 voters.

   B. R. Henry/second moved to accept the November 5 and 12 minutes. The motion carried unopposed.

   C. Some senators who had missed the Nov. 5 Senate meeting said that they did not attend the Nov. 12 meeting because they did not know there was a second meeting. Brown said that all senators will be notified when there is to be a follow-up meeting in the same month.

   D. Brown reminded the Senate that faculty members serving on planning committees are representatives of the Senate.

   E. Regarding the Deans Council proposed guidelines for promotion and tenure documentation, Brown emphasized that the faculty contract would need to be abided by in implementing the guidelines.

   F. In response to a question about early retirement, Brown explained that the IFO interpretation of the contract is that nothing prevents faculty from going for tenure early without risk, while the MnSCU interpretation is that there would be jeopardy in doing so. A letter of understanding proposing a compromise of early application for tenure once without jeopardy is under negotiation.

II. Officers’ Reports – R. Henry gave the Negotiator’s Report. R. Henry/second then moved to meet next Monday to consider criteria for dealing with the state budget shortfall from a faculty perspective. The motion carried unopposed.
III. Committee Reports

A. **Student & University Services** – Schuldt presented a report outlining committee goals. Desiderato moved to receive the report, which carried unopposed. Schuldt asked how many reports from SUS departments does the Senate want presented to it, and after discussion it was decided to leave that up to the committee.

B. **Budget & Resource Allocation** – Welle moved to receive the report, which carried unopposed.

C. **Curriculum** – E. Dunn moved the accept Curriculum Report IV, which carried unopposed.

D. **Constitutional Review** – Jordan moved to accept the report, which carried unopposed.

E. **Academic Computing** – G. Richgels reported that members of the committee had met with Fred Hartman, Cindy Dahl, and Gerry Amble regarding complaints received about Computer Services. As they will all be meeting again, he requested that senators contact him with any other problems, or compliments, their constituents may have. Bilanovic moved to receive the report, which carried unopposed.

IV. New Business

A. Regarding the issue of **non-class hours for scheduling meetings**, R. Henry moved to table any decision until February. He was ruled out of order. Welle moved/second to reconsider the original motion of Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3:30-4:30 p.m., which carried. After discussion, Welle moved to change the days to Thursdays and Fridays, 3:30-4:30 p.m. After discussion, Welle moved/second to table his motion until the February Senate meeting, which carried.

B. As an action item from the **Student and University Services Committee** report, Schuldt moved to invite Career Services to speak to the Senate at the January meeting. The motion carried unopposed.

C. As an action item from the **Budget & Resource Allocation Committee** report, Welle moved to accept the Budget Proposal Template, which carried unopposed.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy Larson