Senate Minutes  
January 28, 2002

Members Present:  Thomas Beech, Drago Bilanovic, Carol Bodien, Chris Brown, Brian Donovan, George Gardner, Rich Gendreau, Rod Henry, Elaine Hoffman, Russ Lee, Brendan McManus, Leon Nelson, Elizabeth Rave, Jim Richards, Kay Robinson, Barb Schuldt, Jeff Totten, Pat Welle, Randy Westhoff, Rod Witt, Sarah Young

Members Absent:  Karenlee Alexander, Janice Haworth, Annie Henry, Jo Jordan, Christina Kippenhan, Ron Oldham, Jack Reynolds, Pat Rosenbrock, Jauneth Skinner, Ken Traxler,

Members Absent (excused):  Susan Hauser, Deb Peterson, Carol Struve

Guest:  Elizabeth Dunn

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

I. President’s Report

-- President Brown thanked everyone for their help with soliciting faculty to serve on the Delegate Assembly.

-- The IFO Executive Committee is initiating a level three grievance to the Chancellor regarding the MnSCU Board policy specifying the content of syllabi.

-- An open University meeting on the budget will be held February 12 where President Jon Quistgaard will entertain questions.

-- The Senate has 10 days to respond to the Guiding Principles.  Witt moved/second to reaffirm the Guiding Principles as approved and submitted by the Senate.  After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

R. Henry reported on the single item Meet & Confer regarding the Guiding Principles and expressed his disappointment in the planning process.  Schuldt moved/second to withdraw faculty from the planning committees unless the faculty Guiding Principles are satisfactorily considered.  After discussion, Donovan moved/second an amendment that the Senate hold a special session by February 18 to decide what to do regarding the Guiding Principles.  His motion carried unopposed.  The original motion with the amendment carried unanimously.

-- Dave Larkin’s memo to Carol Bodien regarding the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum stated that BSU compliance will be determined by February 15.

-- Welle moved/second to suspend the Senate lead time rules of operation in order to send the Liberal Education redesign to the senators for the next Senate meeting (next Monday).  Motion carried unopposed.

II. Unfinished Business  – The Liberal Education Sunset Provision has not been passed. The December 1999 Senate minutes include a proposal to change the timing from three to four years,
but there’s no indication it passed. The February 2000 minutes show it under unfinished business, but it never resurfaced after that.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Larson