Senate Minutes
February 11, 2002


Members Absent:  Karenlee Alexander, Annie Henry, Jauneth Skinner, Sarah Young

Members Absent (excused):  Janice Haworth

Guests:  Pat Donnay, Elizabeth Dunn, Nancy Erickson, Mur Gilman, Colleen Greer, Pat Guilfoile, Dave Larkin, John Truedson, Rose Weaver

I. Liberal Education Committee

A. Separate Speech Course – Discussion regarding the Liberal Education recommendations began with a consideration of whether or not a separate speech course was needed. In a conversation with Bodien, Craig Froke said that such a requirement was not chiseled in stone but that it would be tough to meet the goals without it, and that other campuses have speech courses. Robinson received the same response in a conversation with D. Japp. Dave Larkin also said that on February 5, Froke told him that a speech class was not mandatory, that the faculty determine whether a goal’s competencies have been met.

Hauser cautioned that this issue should not be addressed hastily. After further discussion, Oldham moved/second that the Senate go on record that the present curriculum meets the required competency in Lib Ed. McManus made a friendly amendment that the statement should be explicit about applying to Category 1. Further discussion ensued. Totten called the question, which was that the Senate goes on record that the present curriculum meets required competencies in Category 1. The motion carried 24 in favor to 7 opposed.

B. BSU Liberal Education Guidelines – Hauser moved/second that in #1, “41 credits” should be changed to “42 credits.” After discussion Welle moved/second to table the motion for the time being.

Hauser moved/second to delete from #2, “and also may be designated as a Research/Writing Intensive course.” The motion carried.

McManus moved/second to delete all of #4, “In each category where two courses are required (i.e., #3, 5, and 6), students are required to take courses from different disciplines.” The motion was then withdrawn. Jordan moved/second a substitute motion for #4 to replace “required” with “encouraged” and “disciplines” with “prefixes.” The motion carried.
McManus moved/second to delete #5, “For Liberal Education credit, students may take no more than two courses or eight (8) credits, whichever is greater, from the same discipline,” as creating too much inflexibility. The motion carried.

C. The Categories – Westhoff moved/second that the minimum “C” grade requirement be removed from all the categories. After discussion, Rosenbrock called the question, which carried. The motion carried.

Hauser moved/second to delete Category 12: First Year Experience. The motion carried.

A motion was made to replace Category 11: Performance and Participation with the alternative proposal’s Goal 11, i.e., “Goal 11 (BSU Graduation Requirement): Required Electives – Minimum of 2 credits from one or more of the following: 1) Liberal Education courses ineligible for Transfer Curriculum, and not placed (asterisked) in Goals 1-10; 2) Courses as necessary to bring total credits to 42.” The motion failed.

D. Courses on the Addenda – Hauser moved/second that the courses listed on the addenda (which are still in the review process for Lib Ed) be approved without further review and be reviewed at a later time using the eleven categories system. McManus moved/second that the motion apply only to those courses currently in Lib Ed. The question was called, which carried. The revised motion carried.

E. Total Credits – McManus requested to remove from the table the motion under BSU Liberal Education Guidelines above, that in #1, “41 credits” should be changed to “42 credits.” Robinson moved/second that the requirement be set at 42 credits. The motion carried.

F. Final Vote – Robinson moved/second the Liberal Education requirements be accepted as revised. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas Beech/wl