Senate Minutes
February 18, 2002

Members Present: Thomas Beech, Drago Bilanovic, Carol Bodien, Chris Brown, Brian Donovan, George Gardner, Rich Gendreau, Susan Hauser, Janice Haworth, Rod Henry, Elaine Hoffman, Christina Kippenhan, Russ Lee, Brendan McManus, Leon Nelson, Ron Oldham, Deb Peterson, Elizabeth Rave, Jack Reynolds, Jim Richards, Pat Rosenbrock, Barb Schuldt, Jeff Totten, Ken Traxler, Pat Welle, Randy Westhoff, Rod Witt

Members Absent: Karenlee Alexander, Annie Henry, Louise Mengelkoch, Kay Robinson, Jauneth Skinner

Members Absent (excused): Jo Jordan, Carol Struve, Sarah Young

Visitors: Nancy Erickson

The meeting was called to order at 4:10 p.m.

THE GUIDING PRINCIPLES (special session as approved at Jan. 28 Senate meeting)

Brown reported on his meeting with Jon Quistgaard, who agreed to include in the Guiding Principles the Senate’s preamble and to revise them to reflect the Senate’s wishes. But the president’s letter that came out Feb. 8 did not include these items. When asked about this during last week’s Meet & Confer meeting, Quistgaard indicated that his response was in the president’s letter. There appears to be a disjoint between Meet & Confer and the planning process.

Witt moved/second that the Senate withdraw members from the planning committees for a limited time to consider the Senate’s position. After discussion regarding various options, Hauser moved/second to table the motion. The motion carried. Hauser suggested that the senators bring the options back to their departments and then discuss their responses at the next regular Senate meeting. In addition to Witt’s motion, options include a vote of no confidence and a statement in the Northern Student.

This meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

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LIBERAL EDUCATION (special session as approved at Feb. 4 Senate meeting)

Lib Ed Guests: Craig Froke, Jerry Johnson, Linda Lade

BSU Guests: Elizabeth Dunn, Mur Gilman

Froke: Are 3xxx-level courses typically upper division?
Answer: Yes.
Froke: I suggest that they be removed from the Lib Ed listing.
Hauser: May we take some time to adjust to this?
Froke: Yes, though BSU is currently in compliance.

Gilman: Is it the course prefix or the course content that determines inclusion?
Froke: It is up to BSU’s curriculum process.

Rosenbrock moved/second to suspend the rules and continue the meeting until 5:30 p.m. The motion carried.

Donovan: Could we have an interpretation of the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum in writing?
Froke: Linda Baer put out an interpretation in a memo that is on the Transfer Curriculum and MnSCU Web sites.

Donovan: Why were we pressured to remove Physical Education and language courses? This causes problems with licensure requirements and other majors because of the 128 credit ceiling.
Lade: The decision regarding languages was made by the Oversight Committee, which contains representatives from MnSCU institutions.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy Larson