Senate Minutes  
February 25, 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, Jo Jordan, Christina Kippenhan, Brendan McManus, Leon Nelson, Ron Oldham, Deb Peterson, Elizabeth Rave, Jim Richards, Kay Robinson, Barb Schuldt, Carol Struve, Jeff Totten, Ken Traxler, Pat Welle, Randy Westhoff, Rod Witt, Sarah Young

Members Absent:  Annie Henry, Russ Lee, Jack Reynolds, Jauneth Skinner

Members Absent (excused):  Pat Rosenbrock

Visitors:  Elizabeth Dunn

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

-- President Brown moved/second to table approval of the January minutes until they are finished.  The motion carried unopposed.

I.  PRESIDENT’S REPORT

A.  Regarding the legislature’s proposed hiring freeze for state agencies, it has been decided that MnSCU will not be included in the freeze.

B.  Committee Vacancies.  The following faculty volunteered the fill the following committee vacancies.  The Senate approved all three.
   -- Bookstore Committee – Barb Hanus
   -- Liberal Education Committee – Brian Donovan
   -- Committee on Committees – Carol Nielsen

II.  NEGOTIATOR’S REPORT:  R. Henry discussed the status of the contract negotiations.

III.  COMMITTEE REPORTS

A.  Academic Computing:  Fred Hartman and Cindy Dahl will address the Senate at a later meeting.

B.  Budget and Resource Allocation Planning:  After some discussion regarding faculty compensation for on-line courses, consideration of the committee’s recommendations was moved to the March 4 Senate meeting.
C. **Curriculum:** E. Dunn moved to have Curriculum Report VII accepted. The motion carried unopposed. She then moved to have Curriculum Report VIII accepted. After some discussion, the motion carried unopposed.

D. **Liberal Education:** Regarding minor corrections that needed to be made to the Liberal Education listing for Curriculum Report VI, Bodien indicated that they would be addressed at the February 27 committee meeting.

**IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. **Unscheduled Hours for Committee Meetings:** Senators reported back on their departments’ preferences for meeting times. After extensive discussion, Welle moved/second that open meeting times be set for Thursday and Friday, 3:30–4:30 p.m., with dean’s having the discretion to grant exceptions. McManus moved/second an amendment to change the Friday time to 3:00–4:00; the motion failed on a vote of 9 to 11. The original motion also failed.

Totten moved/second to call the question to vote on the days and times first proposed, i.e., Tuesday and Thursday, 3:30-4:30 p.m. The motion failed.

Robinson moved/second to set the days and times to Monday, Wednesday, Friday, noon-1:00 p.m., with a one-year delay. Peterson made a substitute motion/second to survey the faculty, giving them a choice of two to three options. The substitute motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Larson