Senate Minutes  
March 18, 2002

Members Present:  Thomas Beech, Drago Bilanovic, Carol Bodien, Chris Brown, George Gardner, Susan Hauser, Janice Haworth, Elaine Hoffman, Jo Jordan, Christina Kippenhan, Russ Lee, Brendan McManus, Leon Nelson, Ron Oldham, Deb Peterson, Elizabeth Rave, Jim Richards, Kay Robinson, Barb Schuldt, Jauneth Skinner, Carol Struve, Ken Traxler, Pat Welle, Randy Westhoff, Rod Witt, Sarah Young

Members Absent:  Brian Donovan, Rich Gendreau, Annie Henry, Rod Henry, Pat Rosenbrock, Jeff Totten

Members Absent (excused):  Jack Reynolds

Visitors:  Sharon Gritzmacher, David Kingsbury

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

I.  PRESIDENT’S REPORT  – Brown reported on the following:

A.  The term length for the new Bookstore Advisory Committee needs to be determined.  After discussion, Jordan moved/second that the term length should be three years, as it is for the other committees.  The motion carried unopposed.

B.  It is hoped that contract negotiations would be complete by March 21.

C.  Three positions are open for the Delegate Assembly taking place Mary 22 and 23.

D.  The BSUFA is looking for a student worker for 10 hours per week.  Senators were asked to make recommendations.

E.  Sharon Gritzmacher will be coming to report on committee vacancies and review, if not today, then soon.

F.  Elections of IFO officers will be held in April.

II.  UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A.  Regarding the Guiding Principles, it was reported that when VP Larkin talks about faculty leadership, he means the faculty Senate.  Witt moved/second to leave the Guiding Principles on the table.  The motion carried unopposed.

After some discussion regarding Brown’s memo concerning the Guiding Principles, Hauser moved/second to accept the memo, with a friendly amendment (from Beech coming out of discussion regarding who should receive it) that it should be copied to all faculty and the Executive Council, as well as to the president, Jon Quistgaard.  The
motion carried unopposed. Jordan moved/second that the record indicate the vote was unanimous. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Peterson moved/second that Executive Committee reports be submitted in writing to the Senate ahead of time. Several friendly amendments were included: to replace “Executive Committee reports” with “informational reports” and to add “when feasible” at the end. After discussion around individual Senators not having time to do this, though it would save the Senate time as a whole, and the concern that the reports might end up containing half-formed ideas, the motion was defeated on a vote of 13 to 8.

C. Sharon Gritzmacher reported that the Spring call for vacant committee seats would be sent out in April. Also, the Committee on Committees will be spending much of the next academic year reviewing the charges of the committees and what they are actually doing.

III. NEW BUSINESS

David Kingsbury presented the report “University Naming Opportunities for Buildings, Sites, Common Areas, Facilities, and Academic Programs” from the Outreach and Partnership Planning Committee. He also proposed creation of a Naming Committee, as a subcommittee of the Outreach and Partnership Committee. Discussion covered the financial considerations attached to the naming process (as well as naming for honor), concerns around establishing yet another committee, and who would serve on the committee. Kingsbury moved to accept the report, with the friendly amendments that room be made for honor naming and that the subcommittee cannot invite faculty outside the committee to join the committee. The motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy Larson