Senate Minutes
April 1, 2002

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

Members Absent: Annie Henry, Rod Henry, Pat Welle,

Members Absent (excused): Jo Jordan, Jauneth Skinner

Guests: Cindy Dahl, Elizabeth Dunn, Tom Fauchald, Fred Hartman, Louise Jackson

The meeting was called to order at 4:07 p.m.

-- Donovan moved/second to put the Computer Services presentation (Academic Computing Committee) at the top of the agenda to accommodate the staff who had come to present. The motion carried unopposed.

I. ACADEMIC COMPUTING COMMITTEE – Fred Hartman and Cindy Dahl from Computing Services made a presentation at the invitation of the committee. They distributed and discussed their organizational chart and newsletter, and entertained questions, which ranged from clarifying when and why computers need to be brought to their office for servicing to acknowledging the need to develop guidelines for WebCT.

II. MINUTES – Totten moved/second to approve the minutes for January 14, January 28, February 4, and February 11. The motion carried unopposed.

III. PRESIDENT’S REPORT – Brown announced upcoming informational meetings on contract ratification (April 3), IFO presidential candidate visits—Jim Pehler (April 3) and Ravi Kali (April 5), vote for contract ratification and IFO president (April 9), and a legislative forum at which Roger Moe, Tony Kinkel, and other legislators will be present (April 6).

Brown also reminded the senators that committee annual reports would be due by the May 6 Senate meeting.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Academic Computing – see I above.

B. Student Services – Louise Jackson distributed the committee’s plan for 2002-03, which will focus on services provided for Native American students.

C. Curriculum – Elizabeth Dunn moved to approve Curriculum Reports X (IT-VOED), XI (ED-M.S.), and XII (Mass Comm). After discussion, the motion carried unopposed.
D. **Governmental Relations** – Tom Fauchald handed out and discussed the committee’s report for 2002.

E. **Academic Affairs** – A motion was made to accept the University Council’s survey form for soliciting faculty, student, and staff opinion regarding BSU priorities. The motion carried unopposed.

F. **Liberal Education** – A motion to accept the committee’s revision of point #1 of the BSU Liberal Education Guidelines carried unopposed.

A motion to accept the committee’s Resolution #1 recommending continuation of the Director of Liberal Education position carried unopposed. A motion to accept Resolution #2 directing the committee to review the Liberal Education Program every five years also carried unopposed.

V. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Motion #6 of the **Budget and Resource Allocation Planning Committee’s recommendations**, which had been tabled in the March 4 Senate meeting, was brought forward. Robinson moved/second to divide the motion as follows:

> Motion made by Wolf that whenever possible, online courses be taught as part of load.

> Also, faculty teaching online courses as part of load should be provided reassigned time or additional credit towards load to reflect additional time required to deliver online courses. Seconded by Westhoff. Approved unanimously.

The motion carried.

After discussion, Reynolds moved/second to table the first part of the motion until further information becomes available, such as a MnSCU definition of “online course.” The motion carried unopposed. Totten moved/second to table the second part of the motion, which also carried unopposed.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy Larson