Senate Minutes 11/4/02


Absent: B. Donovan, M. Schmit
Absent (excused): R. Henry

Guests: M. Fulton, S. Gritzmacher, G. Richgels,

Meeting began at 4:05 PM

Approval of Previous Minutes – CARRIED

President’s Report

- Emphasized the need to vote in the November 5 election, series of issues that greatly concern the BSU community.
- Will not be a meeting on November 11, will be held on November 25
- The Academic Integrity Policy will be put into effect
- In 1995, the Senate passed a resolution that plus/minus grading be put into effect. At the time this was not implemented due to technical difficulties. S. Hauser moved that David Carlson be invited to the next Senate meeting to address this issue. CARRIED

Committee Reports

1. Committee on Committees (S. Gritzmacher)
   - Acting on the recommendation of Academic Affairs to set permanent meeting times for the various BSUFA committees, it was established that they must first determine the schedule of the planning committees, then contact the BSUFA committees to set these times. Sought approval of Senate for this course of action (to contact planning committees, then others). CARRIED

2. Government Relations (T. Fauchald)
   - The issue of Fond du Lac offering four-year degrees is currently being dealt with by the IFO Board.
   - Stressed the importance of voting – polls are mixed for Senator; Pawlenty in lead for governor; and possibility that the DFL might regain control of the Minnesota state House. REPORT RECEIVED

3. Curriculum (M. Fulton)
   - Recommended approval of changes to prerequisites for Criminal Justice. CARRIED

4. Liberal Education (S. Hauser)
- Recommended approval for BUAD 2925 People and the Environment: The Legal Perspective – Environmental Law and Policy, to People and the Environment: The Business Perspective; description change. CARRIED
- Temporary forms will be issued for Liberal Education submissions. Courses should be submitted through the various Lib Ed reps in the individual colleges. REPORT RECEIVED

5. Academic Computing (G. Richgels)
- Four potential solutions to the current academic computing problems
  (i) Creation of an Academic Computing position at the VP level
  (ii) Creation of a three-person committee to meet with Computer Services
  (iii) Invitation of Computer Services to ACC on a regular basis
  (iv) Creation of a working subgroup within ACC to meet with Computer Services on a regular basis. This option recommended by G. Richgels.
- T. Fauchald moved to accept fourth option, that a subcommittee of ACC be created to meet with Computer Services on a regular basis.
- R. Witt proposed a motion that this subcommittee be sunsetted to end at the conclusion of this academic year. CARRIED
  - Motion as amended. CARRIED.
- People with concerns re MnSCU’s IMS draft should contact G. Richgels.
- CTR planning committee met to produce document. If anyone wishes to view, should contact G. Richgels.
- REPORT RECEIVED

Unfinished Business
- Issue of Fond du Lac tribal college offering a four-year degree program.
- T. Fauchald proposed a motion that the BSUFA does not support two-year schools offering four year degrees, but it does support Tribal Colleges in general. This would go to the IFO as a Senate recommendation.
- Following a rather spirited discussion, this motion was CARRIED

New Business
- With respect to the appointment of college Assessment Co-coordinators, which is currently recommended by respective college faculty, following a balloting, and ultimately chosen by the Deans, S. Hauser argued that this was an inappropriate use of the electoral process, as these are not IFO positions. R. Henry indicated the Faculty Association has the right to make recommendations to the administration and indicated allowing the faculty to vote on who represents them is fairer than past practices. Following prolonged discussion, the Senate was adjourned at 5:15 without action on this matter.