Senate Minutes 12/2/02


Absent: V. Boudry, P. Conely, M. Schmit

Absent (excused): C. Brown, R. Henry, P. Rosenbrock, J. Skinner, R. Westoff, R. Witt

Guests: W. Brauer, D. Carlson, J. Frazier, S. Gritzmacher, G. Richgels

Approval of 11/25 minutes – CARRIED

Vice-President’s Report (E. Forsyth)

- Jerome Frazier described the coming “Bags of Wishes” program, which is aimed at the local homeless shelter. By participating, this will allow the center to focus its resources on essential items such as heating, etc.
- D. Carlson spoke of plus/minus grading. In 1995, the Senate voted to implement such a policy; however, records lacked the technical capabilities at that time. At present, Records does possess such ability at this time, but other issues might be considered: (1) will such grading be mandatory; (2) what will this do to GPAs; (3) transfer substitution issues, i.e. will a C- or D- be acceptable? We may also put pluses and minuses on transcripts, but retain current GPA points. This may also lead to increased haggling for grades by students. T. Fauchald asked D. Carlson to create a report on such matters and submit it to C. Brown, who would then pass it along to the appropriate Committee. CARRIED

Committee Reports

Recruitment and Retention (R. Gendreau)
- Website has been created and the committee is working on 5 year goals, which will hopefully be ready next week.

Committee on Committees (S. Gritzmacher)
- Discussed issue of creating permanent meeting times for BSUFA committees. Currently seeking definitive meeting times from University Planning Committees for 2003/2004. This is necessary to establish times for BSUFA meetings.
- T. Fauchald (Prop) and P. Welle (Friendly Amendment) Ask that Faculty co-chairs confirm UPC meeting times with their administrative co-chairs by December 9th, then inform Committee on Committees with results reported at first Senate meeting of the new year. CARRIED
Academic Computing (G. Richgels)
   - Asked for input to CTLR, any comments please ask him.
   - Both CTLR and Academic Computing unanimously approve the goal of seeking a University Webmaster. Will the Senate approve same? The Senate input was to be discussed under new business, however, meeting was adjourned prior to that point.

Old Business
   - Domestic Partner Benefits. Issue was discussed vigorously. S. Young proposed that there be a BSUFA wide vote on this matter by paper ballot. Ballots were to be distributed by Senators to their constituents and returned by Thursday (Dec. 5) at noon. CARRIED

Meeting Adjourned at 5:15 pm Next meeting December 16