BSU Faculty Senate Minutes  
December 16, 2002


Absent: V. Boudry, P. Conely, S. Hauser, J. Haworth, M. Meisenheimer, K. Robinson, C. Struve


Guests: E. Dunn, M. Fulton, S. Gritzmacher

Approval of 12/2 minutes – CARRIED

President’s Report (C. Brown)

- A report on the status of contract ratification was sent out early in the week.
- From Meet and Confer, Dr. Quistgaard has approved the University Plan.
- There will be salary equity consultants on campus in the new year.
- Sought authority to make clerical adjustments to the rolls of previous senate meetings. CARRIED
- Currently, Jim Pehler is forwarding a concept of “centers of excellence” that could pose danger to BSU and the smaller MNSCU universities.
  - T. Fauchald proposed that the Senate oppose prospects leading to specialty schools.
  - B. Donovan, proposed a substitute motion calling for a democratic IFO and well-rounded, quality education for the students. This was CARRIED as substitute and then CARRIED.
- With respect to co-location there will be an extension to Bridgeman going up in the Hagg-Sauer parking lot.

Committee Reports

Budget (T. Fauchald)

- He has resigned as co-chair of government relations committee to become co-chair of budget committee. Recently examined budget with Judy Borgen, estimated that next year the state will be short $4 billion without inflation. Facing such problems as difficulties with Northwest Airlines and large increases in health care expenditures. If across the board cuts are invoked, this would mean 14% to each spending unit. However, as they are unlikely to cut either k-12 or health care, we should expect cuts in the range of 20% to appropriations.
Committees (S. Gritzmacher)
- With respect to identifying meeting times for BSUFA committees, must first find set times for Planning Committees. CTLR has stated that they will not set a firm meeting time, but will meet as schedules allow. P. Welle proposed that Senate requests that Joann Fredrickson, as co-chair of University Council, ask that the University Planning committees participate in setting fixed meeting times for the 2003-2004 academic year. CARRIED

Curriculum Report (M. Fulton)
- Recommend that Senate approve changes to accounting minor (Curriculum Report V). CARRIED

New Business
- B. Donovan recognized E. Dunn as a representative of the Liberal Education Committee. She suggested that an ad hoc committee be formed to study the First Year Experience. Questions have arisen relating to content, role in lib ed, faculty input, etc. The committee should liaise with reps from lib ed and curriculum committees.
- T. Fauchald proposed that a Faculty Committee be established, for the duration of one year, with representatives from lib ed, curriculum, student services and support and each of the three colleges, with the charge of examining the FYE class. CARRIED

Next Senate Meeting will be Monday January 13.