BSUFA Faculty Senate Meeting  
February 10, 2003

Present: Russ Bennett, Drago Bilanovic, Sandra Bland, Tom Fauchald, Eric Forsyth, Todd Frauenholtz, Rich Gendreau, Susan Hauser, Janice Hayworth, Annie Henry, Kristina Kippenhan, Brendan McManus, Ron Oldham, Debra Peterson, Elizabeth Rave, Pat Rosenbrock, Mark Schmidt, Ken Traxler, Pat Welle, Randy Westhoff, Rod Witt, Marty Wolf, Sarah Young

Absent: Valica Boudry, Brian Donovan, Elaine Hoffman, Marilyn Meisenheimer, Kay Robinson, Carol Struve

Absent (excused): Tom Beech, Carol Bodien, Chris Brown, Rod Henry, Jauneth Skinner

* Officers Report--none

* Committee Reports

-Governmental Relations: Fauchald reported that the Governor's unallotment announced last Friday will have no impact on the planned change reported to us by President Quistgaard at our January 13, 2003 meeting. However, there is a chance for further unallotment later in the current fiscal year that may still impact the University. At this point, the administration’s plans for summer school profits are still up in the air.

-Budget: Fauchald handed out three sheets with possible scenarios for the University's budget for the next fiscal year (2003). The first one summarizes the impact of various levels of cuts in appropriations from the state and the impact of various levels of tuition increases. The second summarizes the combined impact of various cuts in appropriation with various increases in tuition. The third offers a more detailed analysis of revenues and expenditures. Fauchald warned that the Senate will likely be asked to take a stand on tuition increases.

There was some discussion of how the Governor may choose to deal with large portions of the State's pending budget deficit. One possibility is taking money from surpluses in TRA. It is possible that the language might adversely affect faculty members who are under the IRAP plan. We may need to press legislators on this issue.

* Unfinished Business--none

* New Business:

-Hauser brought forth a resolution to support the United States avoiding war with Iraq. The resolution was spearheaded by Will Weaver and supported by numerous members of the English Department. The resolution reads:
Resolved: The United States should avoid war with Iraq. Armed conflict - especially unilateral action by the United States - is not the answer. All efforts should be made toward a peaceful solution.

Fauchald moved that Senators take the resolution to their constituency for possible signature. The motion was seconded by Bilanovic. Motion carried.

-Oldham brought forth a concern that the standing BSUFA CEL Committee did not have representation on the Alternative Delivery Ad Hoc Committee.

Fauchald moved that size of the Alternative Delivery Ad Hoc Committee be increased by one and that the BSUFA CEL Committee select a single representative to fill that position. Seconded by Peterson. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:42 pm.

Next Senate meeting: February 17, 2003, 4:00 p.m., HS 107.

Respectfully submitted,
Marty J. Wolf