BSUFA Senate Minutes  
2/17/03


Absent: M. Meisenheimer, K. Robinson

Absent (excused): J. Skinner

Guests: M. Fulton, B. Hanus, W. Brauer

- Minutes from 2/3 and 2/10 Senate meetings were approved.

President’s Report (C. Brown)

- Vice President Fredrickson would like to see syllabi attached to proposed experimental courses or workshops. C. Bodien offered a motion that the Senate approves this recommendation. P. Welle offered a substitute motion that this recommendation be sent to Academic Affairs. Welle motion Carried.
- President Quistgaard endorsed the Academic Integrity Policy
- The Student Senate opposes plus/minus grading.
- The administration would like to retain the possibility of Meet and Confer sessions over the summer. B. Donovan moved that the Senate say no to summer Meet and Confers. In favour of this motion was the idea that the administration would have to provide as much notice as possible concerning any staffing reductions. Opposing it was the argument that an absolutist stance might be seen as counterproductive. Motion Defeated.
- R. Henry proposed that Meet and Confers may happen in the summer, but on matters that relate to non-personnel issues in the contract. Motion Carried
- R. Gendreau proposed that there be a quorum of the BSUFA executive committee members for Meet and Confers to occur. Motion Carried
- Educational Participation Surveys will be presented to selected classes on March 19 at 10 AM. This is to measure student involvement and the climate of tolerance on campus. P. Rosenbrock advised that Question 17 (identity) be updated to reflect the categories of the 2000 census. R. Henry proposed that the Senate urge the administration to amend Q17 to correspond to 2000 census categories and that there be questions concerning sexual orientation in the climate of tolerance section. D. Peterson offered an amendment that the administration take a careful look at all questions for inaccuracies. Amendment and Motion both Carried. D. Peterson asked the Senate to charge the Human Subjects Committee to review the Survey, then allow the administration to move forward if HSC approves. Motion Carried.
Curriculum (M. Fulton)
- The Industrial Technology Department is seeking to retool their design tech major. Changes to courses and to GPA requirement. Approved

Government Relations and Budget (T. Fauchald)
- The Budget announcement tomorrow will undoubtedly have a large hit to MNSCU and UM systems. There is the possibility of a 40% cut in appropriations over the next two years.
- This will also hurt MNDOT and DNR.
- President Quistgaard will be giving a budget forum March 3 at 3pm. T. Fauchald moved that the Senate meeting scheduled for that day begin at 4:30 pm, to last until 5:15. Motion Carried.

New Business
- D. Peterson offered the motion that S. Gritzmacher be asked to contact BSUFA committee chairs to schedule permanent meeting times. Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned
Next Meeting to be held on March 3 at 4:30 pm.