BSUFA Senate
Minutes for March 3, 2003


Absent: V. Boudry, M. Meisenheimer, D. Peterson


Guests: E. Dunn, M. Fulton, D. Gartrell, S. Gritzmacher, B. Hanus

Minutes for February 17 meeting Approved

President’s Report (T. Fauchald filling in for C. Brown)

- With respect to budgetary matters, the IFO position is to reduce non-instructional costs (51% of total) before examining instructional costs.
- M. Schmit moved that the Curriculum report be moved forward on the agenda. Motion Carried.
- R. Henry brought up an initiative to seek the cooperation of other public employee unions to poll main street businesses to see if they oppose the Governor’s efforts to institute a freeze on public sector wage increases. Results should then be taken to local legislators.
- We should speak to our constituents about the salary increases in 21st and 31st years. Everyone should re-examine their seniority to see if there is a way to reach these goals this year. Important given the effort of Governor to freeze wages.

Curriculum Committee (M. Fulton)

- Recommended approval of Industrial Technology’s efforts to retool program (Curriculum Report VIII). Approved
- Recommended approving course modifications to Geology and Space Science (Curriculum Report IX). Approved
- Recommended approving changes to Lib Ed, where one course was removed from area 9 and another from area 8. There was also a modification (renumbering of Sociology course to fit transfer guidelines) (Curriculum Report X). Approved

Graduate Studies Committee (C. Kippenhan)

- Raised the issue that oral defenses of theses are open to the University Community, though the evaluation process is closed to the public. Such defenses will be announced to the faculty via the list serve.
New Business

- J. Haworth motioned that the Senate approve an extra seat on the Ad Hoc Committee dealing with on-line and alternative delivery education. This seat would go to a representative of the Teacher Education Committee. Carried
- M. Schmit motioned that a committee designate may be appointed to a committee if a vacancy exists. B. McManus argued that this should be forwarded to the Constitutional Review Committee as this deals with Senate by-laws. Chair decided to send this to CR Committee; there were no objections from the Senate.

Unfinished Business

- S. Gritzmacher reported that all University-wide committees have set permanent meeting times. Now it is the responsibility of other IFO committees to follow suit. P. Welle asked that the chairs contact S. Gritzmacher prior to March 20.

New Business (Continued)

- M. Wolf mentioned that J-Terms were mentioned in University calendars, this matter is somewhat unclear. R. Henry added that these do not exist in the contract.

Meeting Adjourned 5:15 pm

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