Senate Minutes 4/14/03


Excused: J. Haworth


Continuation of 3/17 meeting through 4/7

Committee Reports

Academic Computing (B. Hanus)

- Five items to address:

1. There will be a reformation of the superlab committee, probably beginning in the fall.
2. Ask for a voluntary moratorium on wireless access to network, due to security concerns. M. Wolf proposed that, prior to fall, faculty refrain from installing wireless networks without notifying Mike Smith. CARRIED
3. To alert the faculty that, in future, all administrative e-mails to students will go through BSU accounts. K. Robinson moved to endorse. CARRIED
4. CTLR plan submitted at the beginning of the semester, would like a vote before the end of the semester. M. Wolf moved that CTLR strategic plan be accepted. CARRIED
5. Plan of CTLR and Academic Computing to try to offset the absence of a webmaster by creation of two advisory boards (web advisory, web implementation) to be staffed by a combination of staff and faculty. These would be subcommittees of existing committees. McManus moved to table pending review of Constitutional Review Committee. CARRIED.

M. Wolf moved to accept report. CARRIED

Completion of March 17 meeting.

April 7 Meeting

President’s Report (C. Brown)

- BSUFA meeting next week to take office nominations.
- PSEO draft policy. M. Wolf raised numerous concerns with respect to labor and instructional issues.

**Officer’s Report**

**Negotiating (R. Henry)**

Seeking ways to get around the hard freezes in salaries. Also, attempting to deal with thesis and arranged course issues.

**Committee Reports**

**Academic Affairs (D. Peterson)**

- Recommends that the Senate approve the introduction of plus/minus grading. After a lively discussion, this FAILED.
- Recommends that the new prospective course applications contain draft syllabi. CARRIED
- Recommends the approval of new guidelines for academic calendar, three main goals: to promote student success – put their learning needs first – by building adequate and well-spaced breaks into each semester, and creating semesters that have the same number of instruction days; maintain our current standard of 15 classroom hours per credit; include well-spaced and periodic breaks that facilitate student and faculty health and well-being, and allow administrative officers necessary time to catch up on office-related work. CARRIED
- That cross listing of courses be put on hold, with a joint task force of Academic Affairs and Curriculum committees be created to deal with this issue, issues related to it, etc. CARRIED
- Report ACCEPTED