February 2, 2004 – Senate Minutes


Excused: T. Beech, C. Brown

Absent: V. Boudry, J. Skinner, R. Oldham, J. Haworth

No Student Senate Report from Student Senate President

Motion to approve Senate minutes from January 12, 2004 (Wolf). Seconded (Marek). Motion carried with the correction that Pat Welle be added to the excused absences list and taken off the absent list.

President’s Report

C. Brown gave a report to the senate.

Academic calendars sent out as a courtesy – they are final.

Officer’s Reports

IFO Board Report (C. Milowski)

1.) IFO Staff now a unionized staff – IFOSA (Inter Faculty Organization Staff Association). Staff benefits mirror our benefits.
2.) Reminder that IFO Presidential Election is starting. Information regarding the 4 candidates will be up on the IFO website sometime soon. Each candidate will be visiting the campuses during the campaign. Election is either April 13th or 14th – some confusion regarding date – but this should be on the IFO website as well.
3.) Delegate Assembly (12 delegates from our campus plus 3 board members). Still 5 positions still available. If people are interested – contact C. Milowski for more information. Reminder: Deadline for resolutions is February 10, 2004. In addition, the delegate assembly is recommending a 5 % due increase to start next year.
4.) Salary Equity – will revisit this topic during next month’s report
5.) Information regarding the make up of committees pulled together by the MNSCU board. The board seems to want to pull committee members from the Metro Campuses for convenience. This is being addressed.
6.) Minnesota Online Council – please refer to the sheet handed out at meeting. For students taking online courses there would be a $10 per credit fee charged. The dollars generated by the $10.00/credit will be used to finance the Minnesota Online Business Plan for FY 2003-2004 including staffing,
services, and research and assessment initiatives. This could be seen as a tax on our students to take our online courses.

7.) Attachment in regard to the Four Bold Ideas. Submitted to Governor’s office before any faculty had even seen these ideas. A. Create the nation’s top public online university by 2006. B. Operation JOBZ. C. Create a world-class Teacher Center. D. Increase the number of nurses in the state. There is more information given under each of these main ideas – please refer to the handout. These appear to be system goals – but we were unaware of these ideas until just recently.

Negotiator’s Report (R. Henry)
Gave report – thanks you for local action

Committee Reports
Academic Computing (G. Richgels)
1.) Concerned about Faculty laptops and would like to have board take this to Meet and Confer to find out what is going on with them.
2.) Mike Morgan and Barb Hanus are the IFO representatives on the Marketing Webmaster Search Committee.
3.) ACC met with Fred Hartman – they are recommending that departments schedule a meeting with him to see the three different examples of Portals. Call him and he would meet with Departments – takes about ½ hour to 45 minutes. This may be a way for Departments to work around the web page.
4.) Desire to Learn – ACC is looking into this as our contract with WebCT is up soon. Desire to Learn has a contract with MNSCU so if we are going to switch out of WebCT to this – we need to make some decisions soon. ACC is looking for input in regard to this decision. If you already have a course on WebCT – Desire to Learn can easily convert it. Contact Glen Richgels if you have questions/concerns.

Out of time – we will be meeting next Monday February 9, 2004 to finish the February 2, 2004 agenda

Meeting adjourned 5:16PM