April 5th, 2004 – Senate Minutes


Excused:  C. Brown, C. Milowski, J. Haworth, V. Boudry


Call meeting to order – 4:05PM
Motion to allow Student Senate President to go first in the agenda for today (T. Fauchald).  Seconded (M. Wolf).  Motion carried.
Student Senate President gave report discussing what the Student Senate was doing in regard to student meal plans and tuition.

IFO Presidential Candidate’s Visit
• Georgia Holmes from Mankato was not present to talk to the Senate
• Chris Brown presented on his platform for running for IFO President.

Motion to approve minutes from March 1, 2004 meeting (M. Wolf).  Seconded (B. McManus). Correction to the minutes - C. Struve needs to be listed as an excused absence instead of absent. Motion carried with the correction.

Motion to re-order the agenda for this meeting (T. Fauchald).  The new proposed agenda is as follows:
• A. Committee on Committees Report
• B. Special Delegate Assembly Report
• C. ACC Report
• D. Curriculum Committee Report
• E. Vice President Fredrickson
• F. Constitutional Review Committee
• G. Negotiations Report
• H. Action Report
Seconded (B. McManus). Motion to re-order the agenda carried.

A. Committee on Committee Report (S. Gritzmacher).
Gave an update on the survey, on the committee’s concerns in regard to the planning committees, and recommendations from the committee. These were all in the report distributed by S. Gritzmacher. A copy of the report is at the end of these minutes.
Discussion in regard to the report.
S. Gritzmacher indicated that there were two recommendations from the committee:
1.) Go ahead with the survey – distribute it to the people that said they would participate in the survey.

2.) Return to participation in the Planning Committees if the committee’s recommendations are implemented by the Administration.

Discussion in regard to both of these recommendations.

Motion to separate the two recommendations for approval (M. Wolf). Seconded (B. Donovan). Motion to separate carried.

Now voting on whether to accept recommendation #1 from Committee on Committee’s report. As it is a committee report/recommendation it does not need a second. Recommendation #1 carried.

Discussion in regard to recommendation #2.

Move to substitute (S. Hauser). Faculty return temporarily to the planning committees and the moratorium be lifted, based on implementation by the administration of the recommendations of the Committee on Committees. Seconded (B. McManus). Motion to Substitute carried.

Motion to amend (B. Donovan). Faculty return temporarily to the planning committees pending action by the Senate on the recommendation of the Board that the moratorium be lifted, based on implementation by the administration of the recommendations of the Committee on Committees. Seconded (M. Wolf). Motion to amend carried.

Now voting on recommendation #2 from Committee on Committee’s as amended. As it is a report/recommendation it does not need a second. Recommendation #2 carried.

B. Special Delegate Assembly Report (S. Gritzmacher)

A report summarizing the Delegate Assembly was given – S. Gritzmacher highlighted that there was a vote of no confidence in the Chancellor discussed at Delegate Assembly. Senators are to discuss with their departments the issues behind the vote of no confidence and then come back to the next senate meeting in a week for a vote in regard to our campus. S. Gritzmacher wanted everyone to realize that this is not a contract issue – this is due to some decisions/issues regarding the Chancellor. Some of the issues/concerns in regard to the Chancellor and the reason for the discussion regarding a vote of no confidence are as follows:

- Number of statewide Meet-and-Confers as well as after-the-fact announcement of policies
- The number of grievances that reach the state level
- Allocation model that favors Community and Technical Colleges
- Disconnect between what goes on in the legislature and what McCormick proposes – i.e. the Four Bold Ideas – MNSCU’s formulating of proposals for legislation without faculty input
- Technical and Community colleges bias shown by the creation of council of Presidents that gives 7 university presidents with almost half of the systems
enrollment less of a voice than the remaining Technical and Community Presidents.

- Lost ground in the Recruitment and Retention of Faculty
- Size and Value of Central Office
- Issues of Salary Equity

Motion to extend the meeting to 5:30PM (B. McManus). Seconded (R. Gendreau). Motion to extend carried.

However, after we extended the meeting – some people left and we did not have quorum. No quorum – meeting adjourned – 5:18PM.

Next meeting – Monday, April 12, 2004