April 12, 2004


Excused: C. Brown, V. Boudry, P. Conely, S. Bland


Continuation of April 5th, 2004 meeting

Report from Academic Computing Committee (G. Rigels). There were two things he needed to cover in his report:

1.) The Academic Computer Committee (ACC) recommends Desire 2 Learn (D2L) as the IMS choice for Bemidji State University. We urge that this decision be approved immediately to provide additional time for transition from WebCT and training in D2L.

The ACC recognizes that the use and availability of tools outside of any IMS is important to some faculty teaching web-enhanced and distance education courses. Therefore, the ACC recommends that BSU should find ways through CEL, as well as departments and colleges, to provide technical and financial support for faculty using innovative tools to teach web-enhanced and distance education.

Further, the ACC encourages Robert Griggs and online services to investigate and determine hosting D2L for BSU.

As it is a report/recommendation, it does not need a second. Vote on accepting the report. Discussion.

Motion to amend the report (B. McManus) and change the last sentence to read “Further, the Academic Computer Committee encourages Robert Griggs and online services to investigate and determine hosting D2L for BSU if at all possible at BSU.” Seconded (M. Wolf). Motion to amend carried.


2.) MnSCU policy for computer use – what we can and cannot do with our computers. This was sent out to all of us via e-mail. Please review the documents that have been sent. Discussion in regard to documents. If you have issues/concerns or questions about this – please get them to G. Rigels.

Curriculum Report (B. McManus)
Curriculum Report IX – as it is a report it does not need a second. Report approved.

For the May meeting – Music is putting forth a proposal that could have students required to complete more than 128 credits to graduate. This may be on the agenda for the May meeting.

**Liberal Education Report (B. Donovan)**
March 25th, 2004 the Senators were sent new liberal education forms to review and share. They would like the forms to be approved. As it is a report/recommendation it doesn’t need a second. Discussion. B. McManus wanted to compliment the committee on the forms. New liberal education forms approved.

**Constitutional Review (B. McManus)**
Constitutional Review committee has passed a proposed amendment that is intended to clarify an IFO member’s responsibilities in the planning committees. The proposed amendment change is in bold and reads as follows:

Amendment to Article VIII Section A Subsection 1
The Executive Board, with the approval of the Senate, may refer specific issues or requests for BSUFA representation on university-wide committees to appropriate BSUFA committees. Such referrals will not be construed to be a change in the general charge of the committee; rather, the change of the committee should indicate that such referrals are appropriate. ******BSUFA members serving on university-wide committees represent the BSUFA as a whole. Since the BSUFA Senate represents the highest authority within the BSUFA, in any issue taken up in a university-wide committee process on which the BSUFA Senate has issued specific instructions, BSUFA members serving on such university-wide committees shall follow those instructions.******

Motion to move this item to the first meeting in September 2004 (R. Oldham). Seconded (S. Hauser). Motion approved.

**Action Report** – no report

**Unfinished Business** – nothing

**New Business**
S. Young read a statement from (J. Guggenheimer) regarding issues of concern in the Counseling Center. J. Guggenheimer is looking for a statement from the IFO in regard to this memo. Motion (S. Hauser) that the Senate concurs with the Counseling Center staff that our students need to receive an adequate level of therapeutic and referral support from the Counseling Center. Seconded (S. Young). Discussion.  

Motion to amend (S. Hauser). The Senate affirms that our students need to receive an adequate level of therapeutic and referral support from the Counseling Center. Seconded (B. Donovan). Discussion. Call to question regarding the amendment (S. Young). Amendment approved. Call to question for the statement (R. Gendreau). Statement approved.
C. Milowski – Wondering about the vote of no confidence in regard to the Chancellor.
Discussion. Motion (R. Gendreau) that the IFO should do more research on a vote of no confidence for the MnSCU Chancellor and provide the faculty with this information. Seconded (M. Wolf). Motion carried.

President Forsyth wanted to let everyone know that timelines for next year are coming out soon – packets will be sent to you – please be prepared to vote next month on the packet of timelines.

**REMINDER:** Thursday meeting in HS 107 – nominations will be taken from the floor for President, Vice President, Negotiator, Board Member, and Secretary.

**REMINDER:** Voting for IFO President tomorrow in Viking Room.

Adjournment 5:17 PM
Next Senate Meeting – May 3, 2004