September 13, 2004


**Absent:** R. Witt, C. Nielsen, R. Weaver, D. Griffith

**Call to order – 4:03 PM**
Ask for volunteer for Parliamentarian. B. Donovan said he would act as Parliamentarian – Thank You to Brian.

Ask for volunteer for Secretary. S. Gritzmacher said she would do it this year if no one else volunteered. Thank You to Sharon.

Motion to approve minutes from May 3, 2004 (M. Wolf). Seconded (M. Schmit). Motion carries.

Student Senate Representative – no report

New Senator Name plates need to be made for James Brouwer, Mary Ann Papanek-Miller, and Stephanie McConnell – welcome to Senate.

**President’s Report – D. Larkin**
Vice President Fredrickson said she would like to start attending our Senate meetings. D. Larkin will let her know that we will invite her when we have items to discuss with her but routine attendance is not necessary.

Dan Rice has been hired as a consultant to write a report regarding the planning process. If you have questions/concerns you would like to have him address please e-mail D. Larkin at dlarkin@bemidjistate.edu. The executive committee has been told that they will have an opportunity to meet with this individual. The Senate asked that President Larkin please check on his vitae and send it out to the Senators.

**Officers Reports**
Treasurer’s Report – T. Fauchald: Handed out a balance sheet at the meeting. Contact T. Fauchald if you were not at the Senate meeting and would like to see a copy.

**Curriculum Report (B. McManus)**
Motion to accept Curriculum report #1. As it is a report it doesn’t need a second. Discussion. Motion to accept report approved.

**Reminder:** Contract ratification vote is 8AM-4PM, September 15, 2004 in Memorial 201 – if anyone needs to have a ballot brought to them – contact President Larkin.
Committee On Committees (S. Gritzmacher)

1. The committee is looking for direction in regard to a survey that was to be sent out to Faculty, Administration, Students, and other bargaining units in regard to the planning process. This was designed last Spring and it has not been distributed. They are wondering if they should go ahead with it or not. Discussion. Motion to move forward with the survey (M. Wolf). Seconded (C. Brown). Discussion.

   In the discussion it was suggested that Sharon send out the survey electronically to all Senators so they could get feedback from their departments for next Mondays meeting.

Move to table until next Monday, September 20th meeting. Doesn’t need a second. Motion to table carries.

2. Three committees that have vacancies: System wide Technology Strategy Council, System wide Business Practices Alignment Study Group, and System wide Desire to Learn (which has two people already interested). T. Fauchald moves to have election for Desire to Learn representative within the Senate since the name has to go with D. Larkin on Thursday to the meeting. Seconded (M. Wolf). Discussion. Motion to vote carries. Candidates are Kari Wood and John Truedson. John Truedson is the name that President Larkin will carry forward to the committee on Thursday. President Larkin will be asking Kari Wood if she would like to serve on the Business Practices Alignment Study Group.

3. Committee vacancies on BSUFA committees – please let Sharon Gritzmacher know if you would like to volunteer for a vacancy because she has not heard much back from the call that went out this Fall. Last Friday was the deadline but she has extended it to this Friday due to lack of responses. Discussion. Apparently the Fall Call e-mail did not go out the way it should have – Sharon will be sending out the e-mail again and anyone interested in serving on a committee with a vacancy should contact her.

Liberal Education Committee (B. Donovan).
Several individuals from this committee attended an Institute on Reforming General Education last Spring. Although they have not had enough time this fall to meet and prepare a proposal – please be aware that one will be coming soon. They came back energized by it.

Environmental Advisory Committee- Parking (K. Branden). Last spring this committee passed an Earth Resolution – recommending that no new parking lots be built at BSU – Bangsberg is underused. Discussion regarding the report. Motion (T. Fauchald) to have this resolution sent out to the Senators electronically and then have the Senators talk to people within their departments before the next meeting (September 20th). Seconded (C. Milowski). Discussion. Motion carries.

Point of order. P. Rosenbrock pointed out that the reports need to be heard, discussed and then accepted or not before any other motions or discussion should take place. Thank you for the reminder Pat.
Unfinished Business: Nothing

New Business:

Summer schedule: Example schedules were distributed to the Senators – please take them back and discuss with departments. We need to move on this next week as students decide early whether they are going to summer school and we need our schedule out there with the rest. Motion to take these schedules back to the departments to discuss (D. Maglajlic). Seconded (C. Brown). Discussion. Motion carries

Voter Registration:
T. Fauchald stated that $500 will be going to Moe to show support from IFO. Fuller did not vote against the Alternate Teaching Licensure that was proposed and this was a real critical IFO matter. Also, Fuller did not support the IFOs point of view in regard to Contracts, State budget freeze, and gay/lesbian marriage.

P. Donnay explained the Voter Registration Drive.

Voter Registration Drive/ Co-Sponsors BSU Faculty and Student Senates
We request Faculty Senate endorsement of a voter registration drive co-sponsored with the BSU Student Senate. We seek Senate endorsement of a voter registration drive process that includes voluntary faculty distribution of voter registration applications in their classrooms.

Distribution and collection of the registration applications would be facilitated by faculty and student volunteers. Instructions to faculty regarding campus and election official processes would accompany the registration applications. This drive would likely occur late September or early October to fit with legal considerations. This drive must be a non-partisan initiative.

Motion to accept the Voter Registration Drive proposal (P. Donnay). Seconded (D. Bilanovic). Motion carries. Motion to make a friendly amendment that the BSUFA pay any expenses for this endeavor up to $500 (T. Fauchald). Seconded (S. Gritzmacher). Discussion. Motion to amend carries.

Fixed term position in Modern Languages:
Position is ¾ time position and has been offered as a fixed term position. The time has run out on offering it as a fixed term position. Would like Senate backing to have it be offered again as a ¾ time fixed term position. Discussion. Discussion ran into the time the meeting was to be ending – so this will be continued at the next Senate meeting on Monday, September 20th, 2004.

Here is the list of topics to be revisited at September 20th, 2004 meeting: Committee on Committees Survey, Summer school schedule, Fixed-Term position for Modern Languages and Work Plan for 02-07.

Adjournment - 5:17PM