Bemidji State University

BSUFA Senate Meeting September 12, 2005


4:10 PM Meeting called to order by D. Larkin

Larkin introduced President Quistgaard who spoke briefly about the Planning Process. Quistgaard praised the campus bargaining units’ survey of the process and their commitment to meaningful campus-wide planning. The campus consensus is to create a new planning model. Quistgaard proposed a timeline for this. In October 2005 he will bring forward a new model for campus review and input. In December 2005 the campus will make its decision on a final model. In January 2006 the campus will implement the new planning model. Quistgaard proposed a collaborative process with shared investment in the process. Questions followed.

Larkin asked for approval of the May 2, 2005 Senate minutes. After a short discussion a motion to table approval was made (T. Fauchald) and seconded (D. Webb). Motion carried.

Student Senate President Nolan Pitlick presented a short update on upcoming and ongoing activities.

Larkin introduced new Faculty Association officers and executive board members to the Senate. An updated Senate roster was handed out, and Larkin thanked the following people for their service to the Senate: T. Fauchald, S. Gritzmacher, P. Rosenbrock, C. Milowski, and R. Henry.

C. Brown reported that contract negotiations have begun and another meeting will be held this week. Questions followed.

Larkin asked for Committee reports.
S. Gritzmacher (Action Committee) asked for our input on action ideas and handed out “Stop the Slide” wrist bands and IFO brochures.
S. Gritzmacher (Committee on Committees) reported on new Senate appointments: S. Sundahl, S. Heriot, R. Westhoff. Vacancies remain and Gritzmacher handed out a list of these. Ballots will be out soon, and a review of committee structure will begin. Discussion followed.
W. Brauer (Curriculum Committee) said that Report 10506 on the English Dept. proposal, has been sent out to faculty and the proposal was approved by the Graduate Committee. The Senate voted to approve the proposal as well.
C. Kippenham (Graduate Committee) reported on MNSCU’s proposed applied doctoral degree program. The intent is that the program will be in place by 2007, a very tight timeline. MNSCU wants collaboration between the universities. Discussion followed. J. Truedson (Academic IT Committee) gave updates on D2L, academic software agreements, and called for proposals for system-wide licenses. Future issues to be discussed include the continuance of D2L after its contract expires and audience response systems. Truedson asked for input before the Dec. 2 meeting. Discussion followed.

D. Larkin told Senate members that the BSUFA Executive Committee will meet and discuss the Planning Process Report and return to the next Senate meeting with information and ideas. Discussion followed.

D. Larkin asked for input on the proposed structure for the campus Web Services area (Information Technical Services). Discussion will take place at the next Senate meeting. Discussion followed.

B. McManus presented faculty concerns about the bookstore handling of book orders for this semester. D. Larkin advised talking to VP Maki.

D. Larkin announced the next Senate meeting date: October 3, 2005.

C. Brown moved and R. Westhoff moved to adjourn. Meeting adjourned 5:15 PM.

Recorder: R. Weaver