BSUFA Senate Minutes
January 9, 2006


Guest: Troy Gilbertson

1. The Senate convened at 4:05 PM.
2. Larkin awarded prizes for the acronym contest.
3. Minutes of 12/05/05: Motion to approve by C. Brown, seconded by M. Wolf; motion carried.
4. Presentation by Provost Joann Fredrickson who was invited by Larkin to answer questions from the senators. Items discussed include university planning, the Work Plan, and the Master Academic Plan, especially regarding the relationships between plans and implementation of plans; the potential articulation agreement between BSU and Alexandria Technical College re the latter’s AA degree; and Northwest Technical College and BSU credits taken there.
5. Motion by T. Fauchald, seconded by M. Wolf: The Senate supports the AA articulation agreement between BSU and Alexandria Technical College; motion carried.
6. Motion by J. Brouwer, seconded by T. Frauenholtz: The Senate supports the articulation agreement with Northwest Technical College regarding delivery of Liberal Education credits.
7. Motion by C. Brown, seconded by D. Peterson: The Senate endorses the 12/22/2005 version of the Master Academic Plan; motion carried.
8. Motion by C. Brown, seconded by D. Peterson: The Senate endorses the most recent version of the Work Plan, which should include the contract disclaimer; motion carried.
9. President’s Report: Updates on Meet and Confer and the Executive Board; request for volunteers to serve on the hiring committees for (1) a MSUAASF Communications Manager and (2) the Human Resources Director.
10. As part of the President’s report, M. Wolf gave a summary of health care savings and reimbursement accounts.
11. Report by Treasurer D. Peterson, including distribution of a “Statement of Revenue and Expenses for the 4 Month Period Ended October 21, 2005.” A discussion ensued. Motion to accept the report by C. Kippenhan, seconded by T. Fauchald; Motion carried.
12. Motion by M. Wolf, seconded by R. Weaver, to extend the meeting five minutes; motion carried.
13. D. Larkin presented Curriculum Report V 2005-2006 and reported that William Brauer, chair of the Curriculum Committee (unable to attend the meeting) said the report is recommended by the Curriculum Committee. C. Kippenhan, Graduate Committee chair, and B. Donovan, Liberal Education Committee chair, reported
that their respective committees also recommend the report. D. Larkin called for a vote on the report and it was approved.

14. B. McManus reported for the Committee on Committees and the Constitutional Review Committee on their proposed merger. The merger requires a two-step approval process: amendment to constitution, followed by amendment to the by-laws regarding the new charge. A handout was distributed. McManus requests that senators be prepared to act on the first step, a vote in the Senate on the amendment to the constitution, at the February meeting.

15. D. Larkin noted that BSUFA elections will take place in April and urged members to consider running for open offices. A call will be issued in February.

16. Motion to adjourn the meeting by C. Brown, seconded by D. Webb; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:22.

Note: The next Senate meeting will be held on Monday, February 6, 2006.

Recorder: Susan Hauser