BSUFA Senate Minute 03 April 2006

Members Present: Dave Larkin, Elizabeth Dunn, Kathy Meyer, Marty Wolf, Deb Peterson, Stephanie McConnell, Brendan McManus, Keith A. Marek, Don Cloutman, Ron Oldham, Sarah Young, Rod Witt, Tom Fauchald, Kari Wood, Mark Schmit, Steve Sundahl, Pat Donnay, Derek Webb, Pat Well, Todd Frauenholtz, Christina Kippenhan, and Carol Milowski, Recorder.

Members Excused: Susan Hauser, Jim Brouwer, Dada Maglajlic, Rose Weaver, and Pat Rosenbrock.

Dave Larkin, President convened the 03 April 2006 at 4:15 p.m. The minutes for 30 March 2006 were approved.

The first order of business was the President's Report and Larkin turned the floor over to Carol Neilson who gave formal notification to the Senate of the Wal-Mart Survey of the faculty. Larkin expressed concern that the results might be given to the media and create political concerns if the faculty was seen as "anti-Wal-Mart." Neilson said she was not aware of any plans to give the results to the media.

Larkin then turned the floor over to Jay Passa who gave formal notification to the Senate of the Drug and Alcohol Survey of students. Passa said the survey will be given to 500 students in thirty-two (32) already identified classes. He thanked the faculty for their cooperation and said the survey helps to meet federal requirements in the area of drug prevention and supports BSU's Prevention Grant.

The Technology Master Plan Draft #2 was the third item under the President's Report. The plan was distributed earlier to Senate members and Larkin asked now asked for approval. Derek Webb moved (Marty Wolf second) that the plan be accepted as distributed. Passed unanimously.

Larkin reported that the Constitutional Amendment creating a Rules Committee had passed 86 to 7. Brendan McManus, Chair of the Constitutional Committee, placed for consideration the composition of the new committee and its charge. After one question about the charge to the committee to "encourage the dissemination of knowledge about parliaments," the charge and committee composition was accepted unanimously. (See Addendum I to print version)

Larkin reported that members of the Executive Committee had met with members of the MNSCU team who were conducting a five-year review of the Human Resources Office at BSU. He felt members of the review team heard the needed critique.

The second order of business was Committee Reports and William Brauer, Chair of Curriculum placed Curriculum Report VIII concerning Music for consideration. It carried. (See Addendum II of the print version.)
The second committee report came from the *Liberal Education Task Force Report* distributed by Elizabeth Dunn. Deb Peterson moved acceptance of the report (Marty Wolf second); the report was accepted.

The Senate then moved to **New Business** and returned to the *Graduate Studies Committee Report* held over for action from the last Senate Meeting. Christina Kippenhan placed for action the committee's recommendation that the International Baccalaureate be accepted as a terminal degree for international students entering graduate study. There was a question about English proficiency. Kippenhan responded that all international students must take the Toffel exam, regardless of degree. The recommendation was approved.

The second recommendation of the Graduate Studies Committee Report was **zero credit/zero fee continuing enrollment for Graduate Students**. There are some members who continue to feel there should be a fee; however, Kippenhan reviewed the "no fee" reasoning and the recommendation was accepted without opposition.

The third recommendation of the Graduate Studies Committee Report was that **Arranged Courses or Independent Study courses at the graduate level will require a course description and means of assessment attached to the Arranged Course Form for approval by the Dean**. The recommendation was accepted without opposition.

Senator Pat Welle introduced the **second item of New Business, the Curriculum Approval Process**. He is concerned that the Provost's Office is holding curricular proposals, not even distributing them to the Curriculum Committee, due to financial concerns. In effect, the Provost's Office is exercising a "prior veto," in violation of the agreed upon Curriculum Process. He offered the Nursing Program and a four (4) month delay and the Geology Program and a one (1) year delay as examples. Welle moved that the Executive bring this item to Meet and Confer for clarification (second Tom Fauchald). There was considerable discussion; Welle was asked to provide talking points to the Executive. Deb Peterson called the question (Ron Oldham second). The question passed; after which, the original motion passed without opposition.

Larkin announced that **BSU's Pandemic Plan** was available for anyone who was interested.

The final order of New Business was the approval of the **BSU Wireless Plan**. Marty Wolf moved (Steve Sundahl second) that the plan be approved. It passed.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m