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BSUFA Senate Meeting, May 1, 2006
Senate convened at 4:05 PM

Present:
Bilanovic, D; Brauer, W; Brouwer, J; Donovan, B; Dunn, E; Fauchald, T; Frauenholtz, T; Hauser, S; Henry, A; Hook, R; Kingsbury, D; Kippenhan, C; Larkin, D; Marek, K; McConnell, S; McCracken, J; McManus, B; Meyer, K; Milowski, C; Oldham, R; Peterson, D; Rosenbrock, P; Schmit, M; Weaver, R; Webb, D; Welle, P; Witt, R; Wolf, M; Wood, K; Young, S.

1. Moved by Fauchald, seconded by Frauenholtz to accept the minutes of April 3; motion carried.
2. President’s report, D Larkin: Dean’s evaluations have been distributed to all tenure-track and tenured faculty.
3. Treasurer’s report, D Peterson (handout distributed): Funds from IFO were successfully spent. Motion to accept by R Weaver, seconded by T Fauchald; motion carried.
4. Unfinished business, D Peterson, representing the Academic Affairs Committee: The start dates for fall and spring are no longer negotiable as they have been dictated by MnSCU. A discussion ensued. Motion by Dunn, seconded by Wolf to disapprove the calendar as presented. Motion carried. Interest was expressed in the responses of Mankato and St. Cloud to the common start-date calendar.
5. Peterson distributed a resolution objecting to the questionable “retirement” of Lois Jenkins from the Holy Spirit Newman Center. Motion by Peterson, seconded by T Fauchald. A discussion ensued. Motion carried.
6. Moved by Fauchald, seconded by Witt, that Dunn take over as Interim President upon the June retirement of Larkin and that she together with the Executive Committee will represent the BSUFA until the first duty day of Fall 2006. Motion carried.
7. Rules Committee report, S Gritzmacher (handout distributed): The Graduate Studies Committee recommends that the Senate amend the by-laws to add a seat for the Psychology Department (in recognition of their new master's program). The Rules Committee recommends this change to the by-laws.

Motion by C Milowski, seconded by K Meyer, to accept the action item in the
report to amend the by-laws to add a Psychology seat to the Graduate Committee; motion carried.

Spring election results: There will be a run-off election for the position on the Academic Affairs Committee: the vote for W. Brauer and G. Nestel was tied.

K Meyer moved, seconded by D Peterson to endorse the results of spring the elections. Motion carried.


9. B Donovan presented a request from the Liberal Education Committee, in the form of a motion, that Susan Hauser continue as Interim Director of the Committee at two credits per semester for 2006-2007. Motion carried

Donovan also presented an Annual Report from the Committee (distributed). Motion to accept by T Fauchald, seconded by Wolf; motion carried.

10. Unfinished Business, Student-centeredness Policy: Motion by C Milowski, seconded by R Oldham, to postpone consideration of a Student-centered Policy until the BSUFA and the faculty receive electronically (1) a copy of the policy and (2) the results of a recent survey on student-centeredness. Motion carried.

11. Unfinished business, Online Policy: Motion by Fauchald, seconded by Peterson, that the Senate appreciates the dialogue and looks forward to further discussions toward the development of a final policy. Motion carried.

12. Unfinished business, Wireless Policy Draft: Motion by Rosenbrock, Wolf, seconded by, that we accept the policy. Motion carried.

13. Unfinished business, TELL RFP Draft: Motion by R Hook, seconded by Peterson, to approve the TELL RFP as presented (handout), amended to include a request that the deadline of April 24, 2006 be extended to allow faculty to submit proposals for spring semester 2007. Amendment by Wolf, seconded by Welle, to the amendment: a deadline of the Friday nearest October 15 will be opened for proposals spring 2007 classes. Motion to accept the amendment carried. Vote on the amendment as amended: carried. Vote on the proposal as amended: carried.

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15. Motion by D Peterson, seconded by T Fauchald, to extend the meeting to 5:25; motion carried.

16. D Larkin brought forward updated documents (deadlines, etc.) for tenure and related procedures. Motion to approve by C Milowski, seconded by T Fauchald, to approve the document. Motion carried.

17. D Larkin distributed a handout on the school-wide URL reorganization. Motion to approve by M Wolf, seconded by K Marek; motion carried.

18. Webb explained a Proposed Higher Education Opportunity Grant (HEOG), a proposal by the IFO, in response to potential legislative action, to provide a $5,000 voucher, of sorts, for students. This proposal would be an alternative to the current funding formula that may be repealed this legislative session. A discussion ensued. No action was taken.

Senate adjourned at 5:35 PM

The next BSUFA Senate meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 11, 2006, 4:00 pm, HS 107.