BSUFA Senate Minutes
September 11, 2006


Guests: Kathy Faggiani; Cody Nelson (Student Body President)

1. The meeting convened at 4:03 PM
2. The 2006–2007 Executive Board members introduced themselves: Chris Brown, Negotiator; Jauneth Skinner, At-large; Tom Fauchald, Treasurer; Kathy Meyer, Vice President; Derek Webb, At-large; Deb Peterson, Treasurer. Other members: Carol Porterfield Milowski, Secretary; Rod Witt, Grievance Officer.
3. Susan Hauser has volunteered to serve as note-taker for the Senate minutes. Brendan McManus, as chair of the Rules Committee, will serve as Parliamentarian. Sharon Gritzmacher will continue in her role as Action Officer.
4. Minutes May 01, 2006: Motion to approve by M. Wolf, second by T. Fauchald. Motion carried.
5. Student Senate Report: Student Senate President Cody Nelson gave an update on the Student Senate. He also asked that we help find graduate students to serve in the Student Senate.
6. President’s Report
   a. October 2 is the next scheduled Senate meeting. The date is also Yom Kippur. No motion was brought forward to meet on our alternative meeting date instead of on October 2.
   b. IFO grievance training will take place on our campus in November or January.
   c. Nancy Black, IFO President, greeted the Senate and gave an update on IFO proceedings. She thanked Rod Henry and Chris Brown for their service to the IFO at state meetings, and past-president Dave Larkin for his service to Bemidji and the IFO. She also announced that BSUFA President Elizabeth Dunn will serve as Secretary of the statewide IFO.
7. Rod Henry gave a report on current issues in contract negotiations, including work load and pay-for-performance. He recommends that we pay attention to the MnSCU board minutes. For specific issues, we can contact our campus negotiator, Chris Brown.
8. Nancy Black commented on the current representation on the MnSCU board (appointed by Governor Pawlenty).
9. Officers’ Reports
   a. Chris Brown, regarding IPESL: It is essentially “merit pay” that has been redirected. Chris asked for feedback on this and other issues. (N. Black commented on IPESL.)
10. Committee Reports
   a. Rules Committee (Brendan McManus): Explanation of situation regarding by-laws (no action necessary)
b. Curriculum Committee, Curriculum Report I: Graduate Committee (C. Kippenhan) recommended passage of Graduate Studies components; Liberal Education Committee (B. Donovan) recommended passage of LE components. The report was approved.

c. GR Committee: Fauchald reported that he is working with the Student Senate on a candidate forum and that the students are working on a get-out-the-vote effort.

11. Executive Committee members D. Webb and T. Fauchald gave an update from the IFO budget committee funding discussion, regarding HEOG.

12. IPESL: Dunn reviewed the Executive Committee proposal that narrowed the available IPESL categories to provide a focus for the campus. A discussion ensued. Concerns included (1) limiting proposals to those that address college readiness (i.e., association with high schools or their students) (rationale for this limit: overwhelming need of this university to address student preparation for college; hoped for pilot projects that might lead to others and linkages with area schools); (2) the committee’s proposal to fund only two grants.

Motion to accept the Executive Committee’s IPESL proposal by T. Fauchald, seconded by R. Oldham.

Motion to amend by S. Hauser, seconded by J. Skinner: “more than two applications may be funded, as the ad hoc committee deems appropriate.”

Withdrawal of motion by Hauser, agreed to by Skinner.

New motion to amend by S. Hauser, seconded by D. Peterson: “Larger-budget applications ($60,000 or more) are encouraged; lesser-budget applications will be considered.” seconded: Peterson; motion carried.” Motion to amend carried.

Further comments included (1) information on PIG grants as supplements to IPESL (and the guidelines for the PIG grants are being broadened); (2) need in the sciences for better math preparation of high school students.

Vote carried on motion to accept the proposal as amended.

13. New Business
The administration’s Pandemic Planning Proposal was discussed.

14. Motion by T. Fauchald to extend the meeting ten minutes, seconded by M. Wolf. Motion carried.

Pandemic Planning discussion continued.

15. Motion to adjourn by B. McManus, seconded by D. Webb.
16. Motion to adjourn withdrawn by McManus and Webb.
17. Motion by K. Meyer, seconded by D. Peterson, to move the remaining agenda to the next regular Senate meeting on October 2. Motion carried.
18. The meeting adjourned at 5:24 PM.