1. Motion by Brown, seconded by Peterson, to approve Senate minutes for September 11, 2006. Correction of the minutes: M. Wolf seconded the motion to extend the meeting (Item 14). Motion carried to approve minutes as corrected.

2. Student Senate Report: President Cody Nelson reported on a Student Senate retreat that resulted in a new motto for the Student Senate: “Trust, Vision and Voice.” Priorities for the Student Senate were also established, including the following: 1. Outdoor safety (lighting, Birchmont Drive, tunnels); 2. Public service and multicultural diversity. A new ballot was approved for the fall election. Nelson requested that faculty announce to their students that there is a student senate election. He summarized other student issues including web portals, and concerns regarding textbook costs. Tom Fauchald announced that the Student Senate is participating in upcoming political forums, and in the campus Get Out the Vote campaign.

3. President’s report: The Executive Committee requested the election of a Recording Secretary. Susan Hauser self-nominated and was elected by acclamation (said President Dunn).

There are openings on downstate committees. President Dunn encouraged faculty to self-nominate for service.

There were no Officers’ Reports.

Committee Reports:
Rules Committee: Gritzmacher presented a roster of uncontested self-nominations for BSUFA committee position. Per the BSUFA Constitution, the Senate must confirm such appointment. Brauer moved, Wolf seconded to so approve. Motion carried.

Curriculum Committee: Chair Brauer recommended passage of the undergraduate proposal; Graduate Committee Chair Kippenhan recommended passage of the graduate component, with the notation that the Curriculum Report itself contains a correction not noted in the back-up paperwork. Motion to accept by Lee, seconded by Fauchald. Motion carried.

Liberal Education Committee: Chair Donovan distributed a report from the Task Force. Main point: a draft model has been distributed to the faculty through Task Force
representatives; feedback was and is invited and encouraged. The model may be reviewed on the Task Force wiki <LETwiki.editme.com> (click on “integration”).

Fauchald announced campus wide budget forums at 8:00 and 2:00 on Wednesday. The Budget Committee will also meet at noon in Scandinavian Room; faculty are welcome to attend.

Dunn reported on IPESL: the committee will start meeting soon.

Dunn asked for a motion that the IPESL Committee interview the lead proposers for each of the five applications; motion by Fauchald, seconded by Donovan; motion carried.

4. New business: Delegate Assembly Resolution calls for use of Ranked Choice Voting in elections in which there is more than one candidate, and for use in campus Faculty Association votes. We could also opt for approval voting (could vote for more than one), but we have to choose one or the other methods for our FA elections. A discussion ensued. McManus noted that we might need to change the constitution or bylaws to accommodate the requirement. Motion by Wolf, seconded by Brown, to refer the issue to the Rules Committee. Motion carried.

5. Other Delegate Assembly Resolutions: Dunn asked, as requested by Brown, BSUFA Negotiator, if the Senate would like to review the resolutions from the last Delegate Assembly in order to give direction to our negotiator, who said he would like input. The resolutions are available online (www.bemidjistate.edu/bsufa). No action was taken.

6. Discussion of the administration’s budget proposal put forth at the 9/13/06 Meet and Confer and the administration’s request for a response to the proposal. No action was taken.

7. Motion by Fauchald, seconded by Meyer, to reorder the agenda to allow the Vice Presidents to present to the Senate. Motion carried.

8. Provost Fredrickson, Vice President Carlson and Vice President Maki discussed proposals for the October 13 in-service/duty day regarding curriculum: Fredrickson asked for feedback on how the in-service activities might be formatted. A discussion ensued. The provost asked that we make recommendations to her on how the day might be formatted.

9. Motion by Donovan, seconded by Wolf, to reorder the agenda to address the Events Center; motion carried. Bill Maki, Vice President for Administrative Affairs, presented on the history of the Events Center, the collaboration between the university and Bemidji Leads, and the benefits of the Events Center for the university and the Bemidji community.

10. Motion by Meyer, seconded by Peterson, to extend the meeting ten minutes; motion carried.

11. Discussion resumed on Maki’s presentation.

12. Motion by Wolf, seconded by Henry, to move the class scheduling discussion to November meeting. Motion carried.

13. Dunn requested volunteers to work with Rod Witt to review curriculum data that will be utilized in the 10/13 meeting. If you would like to meet with Rod, send an email to Wendy (bsufa@) to meet with Rod. Note: it is okay to invite other faculty.
14. Comments from Senators to Provost Fredrickson: Prior to the 10/13 meeting, provide to faculty the data that will be utilized at that meeting.
15. Motion to adjourn by Kippenhan, seconded by Meyer; motion carried.
16. Meeting adjourned at 5:25 PM.

The next Senate meeting will take place on Monday, November 6, 2006.