1. Senate convened at 4:03 PM.
2. Motion by Wolf, seconded by Brown, to approve November 6, 2006 minutes as presented. Motion carried.
3. Student Senate report by President Cody Nelson: Student Senate Vice President has resigned; results of Get Out the Vote campaign; Get Out of Debt campaign; consultation on Linden Hall renovation; Safe Ride campaign; “Face Book” project.
4. President’s Report:
   Meeting dates: this month, if a second meeting is required, would be 12/18; the first Senate meeting in January is scheduled for 01/22.

   A reminder from the IFO board: Senators are asked to remind their constituents to assure that they have named beneficiaries for their insurance and similar policies (otherwise assets go into estate).

   Chancellor’s proposed budget: this is not supported by the IFO board for several reasons including a provision that inflation would be funded in part from tuition, and the current allocation model under which Bemidji State and Southwest do not fare well.

   Applied doctorates are moving through the system. They will be funded by internal reallocation at MnSCU and this may be detrimental to us.

   A pilot program to try out dual platform laptops for faculty is being discussed. If you are interested in participating, contact a member of the Academic Computing Committee.

   Dunn’s stolen laptop will be replaced by the IFO. The new computer will be the property of the BSUFA/IFO.
5. Treasurer’s Report (handout): Motion by Wolf, seconded by Fauchald, to approve the report. Motion carried.
7. Motion by Fauchald moved, seconded by Brauer, to allow COPS Dean Carol Nielsen to be present; motion carried.
8. Curriculum Report IV: Chair Brauer reported that the Curriculum Committee recommends approval of the undergraduate portions of the report; Chair Kippenhan reported that the Graduate Committee recommends passage of the graduate portion.

   Motion by Webb, seconded by Fauchald, to separate out the Technological Studies
portions of the report. Motion carried.

Motion by Oldham, seconded by Fauchald to accept the portions of the report not related to Technological Studies. Motion carried.

A discussion began on the Technological Studies proposal for a 100-credit Applied Engineering program.

Motion by Marek, seconded by Spindler, to remand the Technological Studies portions of Curriculum Report IV to the Curriculum Committee for a response to the Senate discussion.

The discussion continued. Welle recognized Dave Bahr, Chair of Physics Department; Brauer recognized Darren Olson, Chair of the Technological Studies Department.

The question was called by Fauchald, seconded by Wolf. Motion carried.

The vote on the motion was conducted. Division of the vote: 18 for, 9 against. Motion carried.

In the course of the above discussion, Chair Olson noted that the Provost had sent him a memo listing questions about the Applied Engineering program. The Senate asked that, since their concerns coincided with those of the Provost, Olson provide the Curriculum Committee with a copy of the memo so they could use the list as a guide for their response to the Senate. Chair Olson agreed to this request.

9. Liberal Education Chair Brian Donovan presented a regularly scheduled report for the Liberal Education Task Force. Motion by Peterson, seconded by Wolf, to accept the report. A brief discussion ensued. Motion carried.

10. Unfinished Business:

   Athletic Budget Task Force: Dunn presented the bargaining unit representation model for this Task Force. Motion by Fauchald, seconded by Meyer, that the BSUFA participate in the Task Force according to the model presented. A brief discussion ensued. Motion carried.

   Motion by Kippenhan, seconded by Webb, to extend the meeting by five minutes. Motion carried.

   Motion by Kippenhan, seconded by Meyer, that the Senate charge the Executive Committee to bring to Meet and Confer the issue of gender representation on the Athletic Budget Task Force. Motion carried.

   Board of Teaching Award: At an earlier meeting, the Senate asked the Executive Committee to take questions to the IFO board regarding the MnSCU Excellence in Teaching Award. Dunn reported back that the award was developed through appropriate channels and with appropriate approvals, thus there was no action to take regarding the creation of the award. Motion by Webb, seconded by Wolf, that Bemidji State not
participate in the award program. A discussion ensued. Fauchald called the question, seconded by Wolf. Motion carried. Motion to not participate carried.

11. Hauser moved, seconded by many, that the remaining agenda be moved to the January meeting. Motion carried.

12. The meeting adjourned at 5:22 PM.

The Senate will next meet on Monday, January 22, 2007.