BSUFA Senate  
February 5, 2007

NOTE: The BSUFA Senate will meet on 2/19 to respond to the budget proposal revealed on 2/13.

Present: Sandra Bland, Tammy Bobrowsky, Sue Cutler, Patrick Donnay, Brian Donovan, Elizabeth Dunn, Tom Fauchald, Susan Hauser, Annie Henry, Craig Hougen, Christina Kippenhan, Russ Lee, Keith Marek, Brendan McManus, Kathleen Meyer, Carol Milowski, Ron Oldham, Deb Peterson, Joel Pugh, Mark Schmit, Jauneth Skinner, Richard Spindler, Derek Webb, Pat Welle, Rod Witt, Marty Wolf, Kari Wood, Sarah Young

Visitors: Maggie Carlson, Cody Nelson, Tom Murphy, Doug Leif

1. The Senate convened at 4:03 PM.
2. Motion by Peterson, seconded by Wolf, to approve the 01-29-07 minutes; motion carried.
3. Student Senate report, President Cody Nelson: Nelson’s report included the following:  
   Introduction of the new Student Senate Vice President, Steph Smoley; Student Senate committees; work on a value statement by students for students, regarding what it means to be a BSU student; a resolution on the Cameroon student situation; work with the City of Bemidji Mayor and the Bemidji Youth Advisory Commission to connect BSU students with community nonprofits; request for assistance in recruiting students to go to the Capitol for Lobbying Day, February 14 (the Student Council has chartered a bus and there will be a fac-staff mailing and a sign-up table in the union - help will be appreciated); development of internship opportunities on campus; concerns regarding orientation for domestic and international students (Steven Hinz, Student Services Chair was introduced).
4. President’s Report:  
   A one-item Meet and Confer meeting, on the budget, has been set for 2/13; presumably a campus meeting on budget will follow on 2/14.
5. We will have a Senate meeting on 2/19 to respond to the budget proposal.
6. Dunn noted that Tammy Bobrowsky (Library) will conduct a faculty survey on Turn-it-in.com.
7. John Truedson is not able to continue serving on the search committee for the Vice President for Student Development and Enrollment. Faculty interested in serving on this committee should contact Dunn.
8. Committee Reports
   a. Academic Computing Committee: Dunn reported for the committee that it recommends moving to a four-year cycle for laptops, starting with the next cycle.
   b. Curriculum Committee, Co Livingston, Curriculum Report VI. Discussion (Doug Leif recognized by T. Fauchald): In response to a question regarding the offering of BUAD courses in the Curriculum Report, Leif explained how that will be done. Motion to accept by Fauchald, seconded by Webb; motion carried.
   c. Liberal Education Task Force, Donovan, Liberal Education Committee Chair, presented the required bi-monthly written report from the Task Force, which continues with its work. Report accepted.
9. Motion to reorder the agenda by Fauchald, seconded by Peterson: the report on the Athletic Budget Task Force delayed until IFO representative Tom Murphy arrived at the meeting. Motion carried.

10. Motion by Fauchald, seconded by Peterson, to refer to the Academic Affairs Committee a proposal by Pat Welle on the Induced Course Load Matrix. Motion carried.

11. Dunn briefed the Senate on IFO Lobby Day at the State Capitol on Wednesday, February 21. The day is preceded by meetings at the Minnesota Historical Society on Tuesday, March 20. The BSUFA will pay for up to seven faculty to attend (mileage, hotel and food). Interested faculty should email Elizabeth (edunn) or Wendy Larson (wlarson). Elizabeth requests that Senators notify their constituents of the opportunity. Fauchald noted that it is an excellent opportunity.

12. The IFO state office has noted that the Board of Trustees rarely sees faculty. The BSUFA Executive Committee has voted to pay the expenses of faculty members who would attend Board of Trustee meetings (meeting dates: March 21, April 18, June 6, and June 20, 2007). A recent visit by the Board at Bemidji State took place during semester break.

13. Each university has the opportunity to make an annual presentation (15 minutes) to the Board of Trustees. Presentations should include students, when possible, and should be lively. For additional information, contact Dunn (edunn) or Jon Quistgaard (jquistgaard). Send proposals to Quistgaard, copied to Dunn. Proposals are due in the President’s office by Monday, February 12, end of the day. BSU’s presentation date is March 21, a Wednesday.

14. Athletic Budget Task Force, Tom Murphy (recognized by Peterson): Murphy discussed concerns regarding the goals of this Task Force (see 2/1/07 e-mail sent to IFO membership). In the end, each member of the Task Force sent recommendations to Vice President William Maki (at his request); the Task Force itself did not make a recommendation. Total expenditures for the Athletic Budget are 2.3 million dollars; the budget is targeted for a $750,000 cut. Concerns expressed included the lack of transparency regarding the athletic budget; the difficulty of weighing athletic items against other university costs; the complexity of Title IX and its legal issues, including compliance; the lack of female gender representation on the Task Force; and student enrollment related to athletics. Several senators commended Murphy and others for their work on the Athletic Budget Task Force.

15. Motion to adjourn by Wolf, seconded by Skinner, at 5:15 PM. Motion carried.

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