BSUFA Senate Meeting, April 2, 2007

Present: Sandra Bland, Tammy Bobrowsky, Chris Brown, Sue Cutler, Patrick Donnay, Brian Donovan, Elizabeth Dunn, Tom Fauchald, Susan Hauser, Christina Kippenhan, Russ Lee, Keith Marek, Brendan McManus, Kathleen Meyer, Carol Milowski, Ron Oldham, Darren Olson, Joel Pugh, Mark Schmit, Derek Webb, Pat Welle, James White, Rod Witt, Marty Wolf

Guests: William Brauer, Sharon Gritzmacher

1. Agenda
   • New Business, Strike Provost at Senate item.
   • New Business, add Provost Work Group Request
   • New Business, add International Studies Resolution
   • Committee Reports, add Liberal Education Task Force.
2. Motion by Brown, seconded to Wolf, to approve minutes for February 26, 2007 and March 5, 2007 meetings; Wolf; motion carried.
3. Student Senate report by President Cody Nelson, on legislation SAFAC, University Budget and student Budget Day (including Art Student Protest), FaceBook policy, Student Senate elections, Signature Themes,
4. President’s Report
   • Survey will be administered to faculty by students.
   • Faculty are encouraged to write their legislators as suggested by Russ Stanton in his recent legislative report.
   • Stop the Slide and Where’s the Money Going posters were distributed.
   • CSNS Dean’s Search (Interim): a call will go out for one representative from each CSNS department to serve on the hiring committee.
   • Call for volunteers to serve on down-state committees.
   • Call for volunteers for Academic Calendar Committee.
5. Officer’s Reports
   • Negotiator: Brown gave an update on negotiations for the next IFO contract.
6. Committee Reports
   • Curriculum, Report VIII: Brauer presented the report which was accepted by the Senate.
   • Graduate Committee: Kippenhan presented a recommendation regarding changes on the form used for reporting on oral examinations. This recommendation requires a policy change. Discussion ensued. The Senate recommended some edits; Kippenhan will take the proposal back to the Graduate Committee for action on the proposal.
   The Graduate Committee also recommends that emeriti and community members of the graduate faculty can hold only associate status, and that emeriti must apply for graduate faculty status. Motion of the committee seconded by Lee; motion carried.
   • Rules Committee: Gritzmacher presented a report from the Committee on Senate seat distribution. Motion by Oldham, seconded by Milowski, to separate the four
items into separate resolutions; motion carried.

Recommendation 1: Held positions shall not be counted for representation. (A “held position” is one for which there is a budget line, but a person does not hold the position). Motion by Lee, seconded by Fauchald, to recommit the recommendation to the committee; motion carried.

Recommendation 2: In the case of a 50/50 appointment the faculty member may choose which department in which s/he will be counted. (A 50/50 appointment means the faculty person is rostered fifty percent in each of two departments.) Motion by Brown, seconded by Olson; motion carries 16-7.

Recommendation 3: Amend the by-laws to change the number of department members entitled to senate representation using the following:

1 senator: 5-9 members
2 senators: 10-14 members
3 senators: 15-19 members
4 senators: 10-24 members

The recommendation was approved by the Senate (unopposed).

Recommendation 4: The (change language) carried unopposed.

Gritzmacher announced that the spring call will go out next week.

- Liberal Education Committee: Donovan read the bi-monthly report from the LE Task Force. The report will be emailed to Senators.

7. Motion by Meyer, seconded by Fauchald, to extend the meetings for ten minutes; motion carried.

8. Motion by Hauser that a discussion of the Liberal Education Task Force be put at the top of the agenda for the next Senate meeting; motion carried. Brown moved acceptance of the report; motion carried. Hauser (LE Director) will send out an electronic copy of the report to senators.

9. Unfinished Business
- Status of Budget Proposal

10. New Business
- Emeriti Status: Fauchald moved, seconded by Meyer, to accept, the administration’s proposal;

11. Fauchald, McManus, extend three minutes; motion carried.

12. New Business, continued
- Emeriti status discussion continued; Fauchald called the question; motion carried.

13. As the agenda was not completed, today’s meeting will be continued on April 16.