BSUFA Senate Meeting Minutes  
April 16, 2007

Present: Sandra Bland, Chris Brown, Donald Cloutman, Sue Cutler, Patrick Donnay, Brian Donovan, Elizabeth Dunn, Kathy Faggiani (for Kari Wood), Tom Fauchald, Susan Hauser, Christina Kippenhan, Keith Marek, Brendan McManus, Kathleen Meyer, Carol Milowski, Ron Oldham, Darren Olson, Deb Peterson, Jauneth Skinner, Derek Webb, Pat Welle, James White, Rod Witt, Marty Wolf

Guests: Patrick Carriere, Louise Mengelkoch, Cody Nelson

1. Senate convened 4:06 to continue the 04/08/07 agenda:
   a. New Business, add Provost Work Group Request
   b. New Business, add International Studies Resolution

2. President Dunn reviewed the administration’s response to the BSUFA response to their budget proposal, followed by discussion of the following points:
   a. Summer school profits: Motion by Witt, seconded by Peterson, the BSUFA resolves that the proposed change in summer school profits be for only three years and then revert to last year’s (summer ‘05) practice; motion carried.
   b. Differential tuition.
   c. Athletic budget.
   d. Summer school profits.
   e. The budget: If mistakes are discovered in the budget sheets, email Tom Fauchald with copies to Provost Frederickson and President Dunn. Welle moved, seconded by Milowski, that the administration be asked, at Meet and Confer, for marginal analysis, i.e., what would be the trade-off for adding back one or two faculty positions; motion carried.
   f. A discussion ensued regarding the percentage of instructional cost in our figures, especially in relation to coding the MnSCU cost study.
   g. A discussion ensued regarding the recent release of equipment money.

The administration’s response will be further reviewed by the Executive Committee and will be taken to Meet and Confer. If the faculty have other comments on the administration’s document, they may send them to members of the Executive Committee.

3. Provost’s Work Group
   a. Dunn noted that Provost has requested a work group for consideration of reorganization of the academic offices (departments and colleges). Parameters for the group were listed by the Provost (see document).
   b. Dunn noted that the reorganization does not included Student and Academic Support offices.
   c. Motion by Witt, seconded by Milowski that the faculty will participate in the Provost’s work group provided that:
      i. the structure and make-up of the group does not set a precedent for future work groups;
      ii. input is sought from all faculty;
      iii. coordination is sought with the Scenario Planning group;
iv. there will be five BSUFA members.
The motion carried.
d. Meyer moved, Fauchald seconded, that the work group be composed of the following representatives:
   i. The Faculty Association President
   ii. One representative from each of the three colleges
   iii. One at-large representative
Motion carried.
e. Peterson moved, seconded by Milowski that the following guidelines be followed for the nomination process:
   i. Nominations will be open to FA members
   ii. Self-nominations will be accepted from CAL, SNS and COPS for college representatives
   iii. At-large self-nominations will be accepted from CAL, SNS, COPS and SAS
   iv. Self-nominees must designate for one either college or at-large representation (not both) (Deb and Milowski)
Motion carried.
f. Election Options, presented by Dunn:
   i. Nominations will be open until noon on Wednesday, April 18, 2007.
   ii. Following that:
      1. Election with paper ballots.
      2. OR Executive Committee selects from self-nominations.
Motion by Webb, seconded by McManus, to open self-nominations now until noon on Wednesday, April 18 with paper ballots counted by the following Tuesday at noon.
g. Motion by Witt, seconded by Peterson, that output of this work group come back to the Senate; motion carried.
4. International Studies Resolution: Motion by Pat Donnay, seconded by Milowski (with “domestic study” amendment by Welle, accepted by Donnay and Milowski), regarding International Studies and domestic travel study, that the Senate instruct the IFO Executive Committee to clarify, through Meet and Confer, the current decision-making process regarding study-travel programs and, depending on the outcome of that meeting, initiate appropriate action necessary to insure an open, accountable process for decisions regarding study-travel programs. Motion carried.
5. Motion by Meyer, seconded by Skinner, to adjourn the meeting, 5:15 PM. Motion carried.

Susan Hauser, Recording Secretary