BSUFA Senate Meeting
August 27, 2007

Present: Tammy Bobrowsky, Valica Boudry, Chris Brown, Cheryl Byers, Sue Cutler, Patrick Donnay, Brian Donovan, Marsha Driscoll, Elizabeth Dunn, Tom Fauchald, Mark Fulton, Susan Hauser, Michael Herbert, Christina Kippenhan, Russ Lee, Keith Marek, Brendan McManus, Louise Mengelkoch, Kathleen Meyer, Darren Olson, Deb Peterson, Joel Pugh, Mark Schmit, Richard Spindler, John Truedson, Derek Webb, James White, Mandy Wick, Marty Wolf

Guests: Sharon Gritzmacher, Mike Morgan, Vince Vohnout

1. President Dunn called the meeting to order at 4:04 PM.
2. Brown moved, Wolf seconded, to approve minutes of May 07, 2007. Correction: Tom Fauchald was present. Minutes approved as corrected.
3. President’s Report
   a. An IFO delegate assembly will be held on March 27-29, 2008. Of note: March 27 is a non-class duty day at Bemidji State. Dunn will ascertain how many slots we will have and will ask the Senate to act on reimbursement policy for travel to the assembly.
   b. This is a presidential election year for the IFO and BSUFA.
   c. Russ Stanton and Nancy Black will be here for our September 17 meeting.
4. Officer’s Reports
   a. Negotiator Chris Brown reported on the status of negotiations for the next contract.
   b. Grievance Officer Louise Mengelkoch reported that there is one grievance in progress.
   c. IFO Academic Affairs Coordinator, Louise Mengelkoch, gave a summary of her tasks as state AA Coordinator, a half-time position shared with another IFO member.
5. Committee Reports
   a. Committee on Committees/Rules Committee Chair Sharon Gritzmacher gave an update on the Fall Call for open committee seats. All Senators are encouraged to urge colleagues to volunteer for open seats.
6. Unfinished Business
   a. Foundation letter and follow-up regarding BSUFA representation on the Foundation board: Dunn has not had a response to her query.
   b. Security Alert: Dunn noted a security alert regarding a person who threatened individuals on the campus last spring. Dunn will give an update regarding our request for training in responding to threatening situations.
   c. Teaching award update: Dunn explained revisions to the award.
   d. Environmental Studies and Graduate Council: Dunn asked for a recommendation from the Graduate Council on the request from ENVR to have representation on the Council. Chair of Graduate Council Kippenhan made note of the request.
   e. Web and technology update: MC Morgan, BSUFA Academic Technology Committee, explained the dual-platform laptop pilot program. A discussion ensued regarding the current status of the university web site.
7. **New Business**
   a. Committee structure: we are required by the IFO to have a BSUFA committee for each of the IFO committees. As we have difficulty staffing our committees, Fauchald moved, Webb seconded a motion to have the Rules Committee look at our committee structure and make recommendations to align it with the IFO structure. Motion carried.
   b. Reorganization: The Work Group has been meeting over the summer.

Motion by Webb, seconded by Meyer, to adjourn, 5:03 PM. Motion carried. The next Senate meeting is scheduled for September 17, 2007.

Susan Hauser
Recorder