BSUFA Senate Minutes
October 1, 2007

Present: Tammy Bobrowsky, Scott Borchers, Chris Brown, Cheryl Byers, Sue Cutler, Brian Donovan, Marsha Driscoll, Elizabeth Dunn, Tom Fauchald, Mark Fulton, Susan Hauser, Michael Herbert, Christina Kippenhan, Russ Lee, Doug Leif, Keith Marek, Brendan McManus, Kathleen Meyer, Darren Olson, Deb Peterson, Joel Pugh, Kathryn Smith, Richard Spindler, Derek Webb, Pat Welle, James White, Marty Wolf

Guests: Patrick Carriere, Sharon Gritzmacher, Ivy Knoshaug, Glen Richgels, Randy Westhoff

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:04 PM by Dunn. Wolf moved, Fulton seconded, approval with corrections: Kippenhan’s first name is spelled Christel; Rod Henry, not Rod Witt, was recognized to speak. Minutes approved as corrected.

2. President’s report:
   a. Senators are asked to remind constituents to look at their personnel file every few years. If questionable documents are found, the faculty member can ask that they be removed. If the request is not honored a grievance can be filed.
   b. The Winona faculty appreciate the contribution from the BSUFA to assist with flood recovery.
   c. There is an ongoing security alert regarding a Mr. Winegar. He is now out on probation and is not allowed on campus. If he is sighted, 911 should be called.
   d. Dunn encouraged faculty to volunteer for IFO committee positions. A form is available and must be submitted with self-nominations.

3. Officer’s reports: Brown reported on negotiations; there may soon be some action.

4. Committee reports:
   a. Curriculum Committee chair Carriere reported on Curriculum Report II. He noted that the new 120 credit limit is not yet in effect and was not considered in the approval of the programs in CR II. Christel Kippenhan, chair of the Graduate Committee, recommended approval of the graduate components of the report. Report approved.
   b. Gritzmacher reported on the BSUFA Action Committee.
   c. Gritzmacher reported from the Rules Committee on a slate of uncontested self-nominated elections for BSUFA committee positions. The senate confirmed appointments.

5. Fauchald noted that there is no CAL representation on the Professional Improvement Committee. He urged CAL faculty to self-nominate for the committee, especially as the committee will be dealing with budget matters.

6. Gritzmacher noted that BSUFA committees are mostly staffed—better than usual.

7. Re-organization Work Group Process:
   a. Electronic copies of the recommendations and the discussion process and timeline have been distributed.
   b. Dunn suggests that we call a special meeting of the Senate on October 15. The process needs to be completed by mid-February to meet the contract reorganization deadline of March 1, 2008.
c. A form will be used to assure that departments and faculty received information and had a chance to respond to it.
d. A discussion ensued. Concerns included saving of monies; role of chairs in administration; effect on cost studies; who should be invited to the October 15 meeting.
e. The Executive Committee has recommended that BSUFA representation on the work group be invited to answer questions. Fauchald moved, Lee seconded, that such an invitation be made. Per a friendly amendment, an invitation would also be extended to Rod Henry, chief statewide negotiator. The motion carried.
f. Fauchald moved, seconded by Lee, that the Provost be invited to the meeting at 4:30 (to allow time for faculty discussion first). Motion failed, 13 to 11.
g. Driscoll moved, seconded by Welle that we generate a list of questions to submit to the Provost for answers prior to October 15. Questions may be sent to Dunn by email by Monday, October 8. The Executive Committee will look at the questions and will submit them to the Provost.
h. Spindler recognized Knoshaug who commented on the time line.
i. Further discussion included timelines, the location of Graduate Studies, the administration’s role in the process, models not on the table, the potential effect of each structure, and the short time line.
j. Motion by Fauchald, seconded by Meyer, that a form be adopted for response from departments. The responses will be forwarded to the Provost.
k. A discussion ensued. Dunn indicated that faculty and departments should be forthright in their responses. Comments from individuals will also be forwarded to the Provost.
l. The motion, approving the form as amended, carried.
8. Dunn noted that Winona and St. Cloud State are abstaining from the MnSCU Teaching Award. Webb motioned, seconded by Fauchald, that the BSUFA not participate in the Board of Trustees Teaching Award and that the BSUFA President not participate in the nominating committee; motion carried.
9. Dunn noted that the MnTC D grade policy was taken to Meet & Confer and that the administration will look at it again.
10. Meyer moved, Driscoll seconded, to extend the meeting for four minutes; motion carried.
11. The meeting was adjourned at 5:14 PM.

Susan Hauser
Recorder