BSUFA Senate Meeting
November 5, 2007

Present: Tammy Bobrowsky, Scott Borchers, Valica Boudry, Chris Brown, Patrick Carriere, Sue Cutler, Patrick Donnay, Brian Donovan, Marsha Driscoll, Elizabeth Dunn, Mark Fulton, Susan Hauser, Michael Herbert, Craig Hougen, Christel Kippenhan, Ivy Knoshaug, Russ Lee, Doug Leif, Keith Marek, Brendan McManus, Louise Mengelkoch, Kathleen Meyer, Darren Olson, Deb Peterson, Joel Pugh, Mark Schmit, Kathryn Smith, Richard Spindler, John Truedson, Derek Webb, Pat Welle, James White, Mandy Wick, Marty Wolf

Guests: Mur Gilman, Colleen Greer, Sharon Gritzmacher, Richard Hook, Nancy Michael, MaryAnn Reitmeir, Blanca Rivera

1. The Senate convened at 5:02 PM.
2. October 1, 2007 minutes: Peterson moved approval, seconded by Welle; motion carried.
3. October 15, 2007 minutes: Brown moved approval, seconded by Welle. Welle moved, seconded by Brown, to amend the minutes to include the following additions to item 9:
   9.d. “including reduced administrative costs.”
   9.f. “and power sharing conducive to shared governance.”
   Motion to amend carried. Motion to approve minutes as amended carried.
4. President’s Report: Dunn asked for confirmation of the appointment of Pat Carriere to the CAL pool and of MaryAnn Reitmeir to the downstate Multicultural Committee. Motion to approve by Wolf, seconded by Peterson; motion carried.

   Dunn asked Doug Leif to report on Tom Fauchald’s condition; Tom is doing well and sends his regards. He should be back in a few weeks.
5. Officer’s Reports:
   Negotiator Chris Brown provided information on contract negotiations.

   IFO Academic Affairs Coordinator Louise Mengelkoch presented her report on fall 2007 issues addressed at the IFO level Academic Affairs Committee meetings. John Truedson, BSUFA representative to the IFO Committee, distributed a report on legislative goals for the IFO Committee.
6. Committee Reports:
   Curriculum Committee Chair Pat Carriere presented Curriculum Report III. Liberal Education Chair Donovan and Graduate Committee Chair Kippenhan reported that their committees approved the report. The report was approved by the Senate.

   Liberal Education Committee Chair Brian Donovan distributed the bi-monthly report from the Liberal Education Task Force.

   Action Committee Chair Sharon Gritzmacher reported on the work of the Action Committee.
7. Transfer D Policy: At a previous meeting the Senate requested additional language for this policy assuring that programs can set policy regarding D’s applying to their majors. Dunn read the revised statement. “Transfer course with ‘D’ grades are not accepted as
fulfilling requirements in those majors that specifically state that ‘D’ grades are not accepted as satisfying major requirements.” The administration agreed to the addition, however, concern was expressed by the senators regarding the clarity of the last sentence of the revised statement. Dunn will address this concern with the Provost.

8. Dunn reported on the March Delegate Assembly (March 7, 2008 deadline for applying to attend). A call will be issued to faculty for volunteers.

9. Provost’s Reorganization Plan:
   a. Dunn provided copies of the original correspondence regarding the Provost’s request for feedback and gave a brief history of the origin of the restructuring effort.
   b. Motions and resolutions were entertained from the floor, as follows.

10. Resolutions
    - Wick moved, seconded by Leif, moved that:
      o Remove the department size requirement that is in the 1st bullet under IV. Guidelines for Departmental Redefinitions on page 5 and change to: Departments may volunteer to combine with other departments or may remain as their current department.
      o And then change the last bullet in this section to allow for the above change by the following: Each group of departments that seeks to propose its own combination or remain as their current department.

      A discussion ensued. Wolf called the question. Motion carried.

    - Webb moved, seconded by Spindler that:
      o The executive committee recommend referring the proposed reorganization models to BSUFA committees for review. Committees shall be directed to return their comments and recommendations 5 days prior to the January Senate meeting. Further that the Executive Committee shall formulate a draft for the official BSUFA response to the college reorganization plan in time for the February Senate Meeting.

      A discussion ensued.

      Motion by Hauser, seconded by Meyer, to extend the meeting to 5:25. Motion carried.

      The discussion continued.

      Peterson recognized Richard Hook.

      Brown called the question.

      Call for division of the vote: 17 in favor, 12 against; motion carried.

    - Hauser moved, seconded by Meyer that:
      o The BSUFA, while it does not take a position of preference with regard to one model over the other, [See below-SH] expects the Provost to consider the
recommendations of the departments. We also expect to be provided with details regarding any additional administrative positions that may be associated with the chosen plan.

o In addition, the BSUFA requests that:
1. the administration provide a budget detailing the costs of transitioning to a new college structure with larger departments.
2. The Provost provide (as part of the call to reconstitute departments to be announced by the Provost on November 30, 2007) more information on the degree of autonomy that programs might expect on matters that include defining the following:
   Positions for future hires,
   Tenure and promotion decisions,
   The evaluation of individual PDPs and annual reports,
   And the allocation or reallocation of resources available to programs
3. the departments with academically justifiable plans to merge be allowed to enter the same college under the new plan.

Donovan moved seconded by Wolf, that the phrase “while it does not take a position of preference with regard to one model over the other” be deleted from the motion.

Meyers moved, seconded by Wolf, that the meeting be extended another five minutes. Division of the vote to extend the meeting: 14 in favor; 9 against. Motion carried.

Olson called the question on the amendment to the motion. Motion carried.

A discussion ensued on the motion as amended. “Call the question” arose from the Senate. Division of the vote: 16 in favor; 15 against. Motion carried.

11. Kippenhan moved, seconded by Carriere, to adjourn. Senate adjourned at 5:35 PM.

Susan Hauser
Recording Secretary