BSUFA Senate Meeting  
January 28, 2008  

Guests: Eric Forsyth, Colleen Greer  

Present: Tammy Bobrowsky, Scott Borchers, Cheryl Byers, Patrick Carriere, Sue Cutler, Patrick Donnay, Brian Donovan, Elizabeth Dunn, Tom Fauchald, Mark Fulton, Susan Hauser, Michael Herbert, Christel Kippenhan, Ivy Knoshaug, Russ Lee, Doug Leif, Keith Marek, Richard Mayer, 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, Marty Wolf  

1. The Senate convened at 4:02 PM.  
2. Motion by Fauchald, seconded by Peterson, to approve the December 3 and December 17, 2007 minutes, with corrections as noted from Fauchald; motion carried.  
3. Motion by Fauchald, seconded by Meyer, to move the president’s report to the bottom of the agenda; motion carried.  
4. Committee Reports, Liberal Education Committee:  
   Chair Donovan recognized Task Force Convener Colleen Greer who presented a written Task Force Report, a follow-up to the December report. An electronic copy will be provided to the membership. Vote to receive the report carried.  
5. Motion by Wolf, seconded by Donovan, to reorder the agenda to move the committee reports down to the reorganization discussion; motion carried.  
6. Unfinished Business  
   a. Dunn announced the 2008 Delegate Assembly, March 28-29, and encouraged members to volunteer to serve as delegates. All BSUFA members are eligible to self-nominate.  
   b. Membership on HLC committees: six BSUFA faculty have self-nominated to serve on the committees. Four more volunteers are needed. Dunn asked senators to encourage their constituents to volunteer. Some reassign time will be available to committee co-chairs.  
7. Reorganization  
   a. Dunn introduced the draft January 28, 2008 memo to Frederickson, a general response from the BSUFA, with attachments containing committee and department responses.  
   b. Continuation of committee responses:  
      i. Report received from the Academic Affairs Committee: Truedson presented the response of the AAC to the two models proposed by the Provost’s work group, the current model, and a fourth model. (Kippenhan presented comments from the Physical Education, Health and Sport Department, including correction of the title of the department.) (Byers suggested that FTE’s be calculated for all four models; they are presented for three of the models.) (Corrections to the report: the School of Integrative Studies is not in the College of Social and Natural Sciences; FTE will be added to the Library in model four.) Mengelkoch noted that a survey of the Department Chairs at a Provost’s Forum is also included in
the report.

Motion by Webb, seconded by Fauchald, to send this report forward with other committee reports to the Provost, after the AAC makes corrections as noted above and adds FTE numbers to the third model.

Motion to amend by Kippenhan, seconded by Fauchald: a disclaimer will be drafted by the AAC chair, pending approval by the BSUFA president, to make it clear that the fourth model was not discussed as fully by the faculty as the other models; motion carried.

Fauchald called the question; no objections; motion carried.

ii. The Budget Committee presented a Resolution (below). Motion by Fauchald, seconded by Webb, that “be it resolved that in any university reorganization no more be spent on administration, within academic affairs, than was spent in FY 2007, allowing for inflation.” A discussion ensued.

Fauchald and Webb withdrew the motion.

Motion by Welle, seconded by Lee: No fewer dollars will be spent, as a result of reorganization, on direct academic instruction than were spent in Academic Year 06-07, allowing for inflation; motion carried.

Motion on second resolution by Fauchald, seconded by Peterson: Be it further resolved that, after a reorganization model is announced, (edit agreed on by Fauchald and Peterson) the BSUFA will analyze the implications of any reorganization on faculty time and money; motion carried.

(Motion by Fauchald, seconded by Carriere, to extend the meeting ten minutes; motion carried.)

Motion on third resolution, Fauchald, seconded by Peterson: That the BSUFA Budget Committee will undertake a study of reassigned time and compensation and will report to the Senate on their findings.

Knoshaug called the question, seconded by Peterson; motion carried.

c. Motion by Fulton, seconded by Meyer, to send the Executive Committee’s BSUFA response and addenda (committee and department responses) to the Provost; motion carried.
d. Motion by Lee, seconded by Welle, to include the summary of the departmental responses in the message to the Provost; motion carried.
e. Dunn noted that she will send the materials to the Provost immediately and that there will be a Meet and Confer on Wednesday, January 30 on reorganization.

8. New Business:
   a. Motion by Hauser, seconded by Peterson to approve the Provost’s request for two new, permanent university-level assessment committees. Per discussion, Dunn will clarify the meaning of “meet every semester.” Motion carried.
   b. Dunn noted that the President’s proposal for a Future’s Council will be taken to the February Meet and Confer.
   c. Dunn reminded the senators about the Provost’s Forum on Strategic Planning on Tuesday, January 29.

9. Motion by Lee at 5:25 PM, to adjourn; motion carried.

10. Dunn announced that she will not seek reelection to the BSUFA presidency; she will be serving as a co-chair of the HLC steering committee.

Original resolutions from the Budget Committee (presented by Fauchald):
The Budget Committee of the BSUFA, having reviewed the available materials on the proposed university reorganization along with other materials on the BSU and MnSCU budget situation move the acceptance of the following resolution:

Whereas BSU allocates one of the lowest percentages to direct instruction in all of MnSCU;

Whereas there are major concerns with monetary and faculty resources (time and money);

Whereas there seems to be no faculty consensus on reorganization

Therefore be it resolved that in any university reorganization no more be spent on administration, within academic affairs, than was spent in FY 2007, allowing for inflation.

Be it further resolved that the BSUFA analyze the implications of any reorganization on faculty time and money. In addition the BSUFA Budget Committee feels that the additional resolution be made. The Committee agrees to take on this responsibility. Be it therefore resolved: That the BSUFA study the current organization structure including reassigned time and compensation.