BSUFA Senate Minutes
February 4, 2008

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

Guests: Fu-Hsian Chang

Excused Absence: Joel Pugh

1. Meeting convened at 4:04 PM.
2. Motion by Kippenhan, seconded my Meyer, to approve the January 28, 2008 minutes; motion carried.
3. BSUFA negotiator Chris Brown presented on the IFO contract negotiations. A tentative agreement has been reached. The contract now proceeds through an approval process and goes to the IFO Board this Thursday and will eventually go to the membership for approval.
4. Committee Reports:
   a. Truedson, BSUFA Academic Affairs Committee chair, noted that white papers are being written on academic affairs issues for the IFO Academic Affairs web site. Suggestions for topics can be sent to Truedson (jtruedson) or Mengelkoch (lmengelkoch). Information is available in the IFO January Update, which is available on the IFO web site <www.ifo.org>.
   b. Fauchald, BSUFA Budget Committee reported on the new cost study and the appropriation picture.
   c. Chang, BSUFA representative, recognized by Fauchald, reported on IFO Government Relations Committee.
5. Motion by Donovan, seconded by Peterson, to request that the IFO undertake a study to assess the efficiency of the MnSCU organization compared to the administration of the two-year and four-year schools prior to the merger; motion carried.
6. Unfinished business:
   a. Reorganization: Dunn presented Frederickson’s formal proposal.
   b. Athletic Budget: Dunn presented an update on the president’s athletic proposal. A discussion ensued regarding the “self insurance” language in the proposal. We also have questions regarding the lease for the event center. Dunn will seek clarification at Meet & Confer.
   c. Strategic Plan: Dunn asked for feedback on the proposed Strategic Plan. Motion by Brown, seconded by Webb that the senate note that we have received the report. No feedback was offered. Motion carried.
   d. President’s Futures Council: Dunn presented information on the proposed council. Motion by Donovan, seconded by Welle, that the Executive Committee request that the BSUFA be allotted four representatives on the Council; motion carried.
e. Kippenhan moved, seconded by Brown, that the Rules Committee determine how the representatives would be identified, which might not necessarily be through our traditional practice of college representatives.

f. Wolf moved, seconded by Brown, that the Senate endorse moving forward with the Futures Council, pending agreement regarding BSUFA representation; motion carried.

g. Dunn noted that several major curriculum proposals will be ready for action by the Senate by February 18. Motion by Brown, seconded by Well to hold an alternate senate meeting on that date; motion carried.

Rich Spindler called the question; motion carried.

7. Fauchald moved to adjourn 5:05 PM.