BSUFA Senate Meeting  
April 7, 2008


Guests: Colleen Greer, Sharon Gritzmacher, Cody Nelson, Kerry Openshaw

1. The Senate was called to order by Dunn at 4:05 PM.
2. Motion by Peterson, seconded by Driscoll, to approve minutes of March 3 and March 17, 2008; motion carried.
3. Cody Nelson, Student Senate President, reported on approval of a “green fee” for students, on the Student Senate response to college reorganization, and on other Student Senate initiatives.
4. President’s Report: Dunn reported on the IFO Delegate Assembly.
5. Treasurer’s Report: Wolf reported on the BSUFA account expenses and balance.
6. Negotiator’s Report: Brown reported that the IFO contract is moving through the Senate, in an omnibus bill, along with other big bargaining units.
7. Liberal Education Report: Chair Donovan moved that the Senate support Normandale Community College’s proposal to allow first-year languages in MnTC Category 8; motion carried.
8. LE Chair Donovan recognized LE Task Force Chair Colleen Greer who presented the Task Force Final Report, a proposal for a revised Liberal Education Program. A vote will not take place today; Greer reviewed the main points of the proposal and asked that Senators take it to their constituents for discussion. The proposal will be on the agenda for the May Senate meeting, for a vote. A vote was not requested at today’s meeting.
9. Greer entertained questions from the Senate. As Dunn is on the Liberal Education Task Force, Vice President Meyer chaired the Senate for the duration of the discussion. Brown recognized Gritzmacher.
10. Greer requested that written responses be sent to Dunn and Greer prior to the Senate meeting in May. Greer could respond to questions; Dunn will send written responses to Senators prior to the May Senate meeting.
11. The Senate thanked Greer and others for their work on the Task Force.
12. Further discussion ensued, including concerns regarding the time line for implementation. Greer volunteered to attend department meetings. Dunn encouraged that concerns be expressed in writing and sent to her or Greer (edunn; cgreer).
13. Graduate Committee Report: Chair Kippenhan presented the Graduate Committee’s proposed revisions for graduate faculty criteria and moved that the Senate approve the revisions; motion carried.
14. Dunn asked that the Rules Committee contact the Graduate Committee regarding representation of Environmental Studies on the Graduate Committee (per department reorganization).
15. Rules Committee Report: Committee member McManus presented proposed changes to the BSUFA Bylaws to accommodate BSUFA representation on
BSUFA committees under the proposed college structure. McManus noted that the proposal is contingent on the Senate not opposing or not commenting on the Provost’s proposed college reorganization. He also requested that the Senate not vote on these changes today so that Senators will have time to consult with constituents on the changes, which include the following:
   a. Changes in allocations by college.
   b. Clarification in language regarding end of terms for Executive Committee positions.
In addition to Bylaw changes, the Rules Committee proposes the following:
   c. That election of the Executive Committee go forward per the current Bylaws.
   d. That representatives on BSUFA committees be postponed until fall semester, when the new college organization goes into effect.
McManus moved the acceptance of the proposals, contingent on Senate approval of or non-comment on the proposed college reorganization.
16. Motion by Carriere, seconded by Meyer, to extend meeting time by 15 minutes; motion carried.
17. McManus moved, seconded by Peterson to table the Rules Committee proposal until the continuation meeting on April 14; motion carried.
18. Curriculum Committee Report: Chair Carriere presented Curriculum Report VII 2007-2008; the report was approved.
19. Dunn reported that a college reorganization proposal was brought to Meet & Confer by the Provost; the Senate has until Wednesday to respond to the proposal.
20. Motion by Truedson, seconded by Smith, that our response to the Provost be that we need more time to respond to the college reorganization proposal; motion carried.
21. Motion by Driscoll, seconded by Welle, that we invite the Provost and Vice President Maki to answer questions about the proposed college reorganization during the first half-hour of the continuation of this Senate meeting; motion carried.
22. Dunn will announce the date of the continuation Senate meeting.
23. The Senate adjourned at 5:34 PM.

Susan Hauser
Senate Recorder