BSUFA Senate  
May 5, 2008

Present: Tammy Bobrowsky, Scott Borchers, Chris Brown, Patrick Carriere, Sue Cutler, Brian Donovan, Marsha Driscoll, Elizabeth Dunn, Mark Fulton, Susan Hauser, Michael Herbert, Christel Kippenhan, Ivy Knoshaug, Russ Lee, Keith Marek, Richard Mayer, Brendan McManus, Kathleen Meyer, Darren Olson, Deb Peterson, Mark Schmit, Kathryn Smith, Richard Spindler, John Truedson, Derek Webb, Pat Welle, James White

Guests: William Brauer, Laurie Desiderato, Colleen Greer, Tom Murphy  
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1. Motion by Peterson, seconded by Smith, to approve the minutes of the April 7 and 21. Corrections: spelling of Marek’s name; spelling of Kippenhan’s name; Donovan’s absence excused. Motion by Driscoll, seconded by Webb, to approve an addendum to the minutes from the Budget Committee, for clarification: The proposal for funding the Associate Dean in Arts & Sciences reduces faculty money by at least $20,000 if (the replacement is) fixed-term, but the reduction in faculty support will be even worse if the backfill is through adjunct. Motion to amend carried. Original motion carried, as corrected and amended.

2. Outgoing Student President Cody Nelson introduced incoming President Ryan Schwingler and Senator Greg Nolan. Nolan commented on cooperation between the two senates this past year. President Nelson briefed the Faculty Senate on Student Senate actions and activities, including a new Senate for Leadership and Service.

3. President’s Report:
   a. Dunn requested a resolution authorizing the Executive Board to act on behalf of the Senate during the summer recess. So moved by Webb, seconded by Peterson; motion carried.
   b. Dunn requested a resolution to charge the Rules Committee with making a recommendation on the composition of and means of acquiring volunteers for a local “nine-month task force,” (per contract). So moved by Meyer, seconded by Kippenhan; motion carried.

4. Curriculum Committee Chair Pat Carriere presented Curriculum Report VIII, 2007-2008; Graduate Committee Chair Kippenhan presented the graduate portion of the report; report accepted.

5. Dunn presented a final document on college reorganization from Provost Fredrickson indicating that department accounts will remain as they are under the current college structure.

6. Driscoll moved, Brown seconded a motion from the Budget Committee that the Senate support backfilling administrative positions hired from the faculty at a full-time, fixed-term basis; motion carried.

7. Liberal Education Task Force Report/Proposal: Liberal Education Chair Donovan noted that the proposal was received by the Senate at its last meeting. On behalf of the Liberal Education Committee Donovan moved the following:
   a. to separate out the section on Principles for Delivery, pages six and seven, which contain the Principles for Delivery for students, University Inquiry, faculty and disciplines; motion carried;
b. to approve the remainder of the report which contains the mission, goals, competencies, University Inquiry, and the assessment plan; Driscoll moved, seconded by Carriere, that the time line be modified in agreement with the Principles of Delivery; amendment carried; Welle recognized Greer, Task Force Chair; Donovan recognized Greer; Dunn recognized Greer (twice); Kippenhan called the question; motion carried as amended;

c. to charge the LEC with clarification of the Principles for Delivery and with implementation of the new program, pending approval of the Senate. Motion by Knoshaug, seconded by Driscoll that an ad hoc committee be formed consisting of the Liberal Education Committee and ad hoc representation of the Task Force; amendment failed; original motion carried.

The senators provided the following list of concerns to be delivered to the Liberal Education Committee regarding the Principles of Delivery:

How would AP and Concurrent Enrollment credits be handled?
Can students take University Inquiry more than once?
Can University Inquiry be used for Areas 2, 3 and 4?

8. Rules Committee Chair McManus presented a report from the Rules Committee recommending new allocations for BSUFA representation on committees (change in the by-laws). Amendment by McManus, seconded by Donovan, to amend the package to call for doubled representation for the Liberal Education Committee; motion carried. Motion by Olson to separate out the allocation portion of the report; motion was not seconded. Motion by Kippenhan, seconded by Donovan, to include in the by-laws a position for Environmental Studies on the Graduate Committee; motion carried. Vote on the amended motion (two-thirds required for passage): 18 for 2 against; motion carried.

McManus presented a proposal from the Rules Committee on representation on non-constitutional committees; motion carried.

9. Dunn presented a resolution from Kerry Openshaw that the Senate urge the Bemidji State Foundation to reinstate the non-voting BSUFA/IFO representation on its Board of Directors, effective immediately. So moved by McManus, seconded by Driscoll; motion carried.

Senate Recorder
Susan Hauser
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