BSUFA Senate Meeting Minutes  
October 6, 2008

Present: Brown, Pres; Bowen; Byers; Cutler; Dahl; Donovan; Driscoll; Fauchald; Haworth; Herbert; Houget; Higgins; Holden; Gilberson; Bangeness Knoshaug; Leif; Livingston; Marek; McManus; Michael; Narum; Rivera-Hokanson; Salscheider; Sheikholeslami; Smith; Truedson; Ueland; Wells; White; Wolf; Morgan, recorder.

Guests: Pat Carriere, Sharon Gritzmacther

Not attending: Cloutman; Peterson; Frost; Greer; Nestel; Webb.

Motion to approve minutes of Sept 5 2008.  Motion by Wolf, Fauchald second.  Passed

**Student Co-Presidents of BSU Student senate**  
Co-Presidents reported they held an oc-campus debate by local candidates. They extended thanks to moderator Dean Frost. Student Senate has recruited 500 students for voting. MN Secretary of State will be coming to campus on the week of 6 Oct. Student Senate is planning an event for Nov 4.

Co-Presidents reported that MSSA has put together a budget request and forwarded it to MnSCU. BSU co-presidents will be attending Board of Trustees meeting to talk about student budget concerns.

Brown requested senators attend and witness BSU student senate meetings on Wednesdays at 4:00.

**President’s report**  
Brown encouraged open debate on issues during Senate meetings so to engage the entire representative group in the discussion. The full Senate is the faculty’s voice to the administration. Our voice is heard when Executive Committee delivers the message at M/C, so the Executive Committee needs to be well-informed by the Senate.

Brown encouraged talking to colleagues about Mandy Wick, who passed recently.

**Motion:** Made by Leif to donate $50.00 to Mandy Wick fund. Second by Driscoll.  
**Passed with acclimation,** and with encouragement for individuals to contribute.

There been a change in procedure with regards to who is keeping campus software licensing up to date. Some software licenses have lapsed. Brown read off a list of about 20 faculty who are using software in the grace period. This issue is going to M/C. Brown also noted that new purchasing procedures will delay software purchases by 2 weeks.

Brown thanked **Pat Arseneault and Tiffany Nelson** who provided Grievance Training the week of Sept 29. The Rules Comm is working on grievance procedure change from a single officer to a committee with a grievance chair.
**Officers Reports**
Negotiators have met. They expect contentious meetings this round.

**IFO Board Report: Sue Cutler:** MnSCU is pushing the Board of Trustees Teaching Award. In its current form it looks like merit pay: only 6 faculty would receive awards, one of $5k. IFO was against this last year. The Board has agreed to drop the 5k$ cash, but is looking for other ways to make the award, such as
- 5k for personal development
- 5k for educational materials
- 5k for department

The majority of campuses are apprehensive about the award. The IFO Board of Directors has withdrawn their support for it.

**Fleet safety:** New rules prohibit driving on state business with the radio on.

**Evaluation of Administration: Deb Peterson:** Hold until next meeting.

**Committee Reports**
**Curriculum Committee: Pat Carriere:** Five curriculum proposals have been sent out:
- 2 from Computer Science. Both have a required minor. Some minors at BSU are 10 credits, MnSCU recommends 18.
- Philosophy: People and environs
- Music: is now requiring a grade average for admission into program
- Chemistry: introduced a course serving Nursing

Recommendation to approve the Curriculum Committee's decision **passed**.

**Rules committee: Sharon Gritzmacher:** Some committee seats are still vacant. New list was distributed with more calls to come.

Gritzmacher requested approval of self-nominated faculty to committees: **approved**.

**New Business**
**FYI**
Pick a Prof is asking from MnSCU our aggregate grade data so students can select professors. MnSCU is asking us to put this data in our PDP; it then becomes private data and can’t be asked for. Discussion on how grade data can be interpreted. Pernicious. If we put it in our PDP, it might not be used for evaluation.

Can MnSCU or Pick a Prof ask for grading data? Possibly, because it’s aggregate data. But it might be argued that it isn’t aggregate when grades are listed with individual faculty names. It was pointed out that MnSCU already has all this data. It might not be up to us if MnSCU turns it over.
Motion: Moved by McManus, Fauchald seconded: To have Academic Affair Committee look into implications of the matter, and to find ways to oppose releasing such data. Carried.

Unfinished business
Update: Exec will be meeting with Bollinger from Foundation at next Exec meeting. Will report to Senate at next meeting

New
Call for comments to carry forward about the draft of the summer school schedule.

   Social Work and Nursing are in favor
   Livingston: Math has concerns. The schedule is not meeting the needs of our high school teachers from out of state. Would like the schedule a week longer in August to fulfill grants. Knoshaug: Dorms and food services begin to shut down before they courses are finished and make students feel second class citizens.
   Fauchald: Can online classes start mid week in May and go 10 weeks rather than the 9 schedule. Word is Griggs ok to look to 12 weeks.
   Smith: Supports early start date
   Chemistry: opposes a 9 week schedule

It was also noted that high school teachers don’t get out of school until June and may not register for courses that start earlier than June.

Motion made to accept 3/6/9 schedule. Made by Byers. Driscoll seconded
Division called: 10 in favor. Motion failed.

Motion to send the revised schedule to M/C, requesting more support for Meals and Housing during the summer. Made by Gangeness. Fauchald seconded. Passed.

ended: 5:15 for continuation

Continuation
13 Oct 2008

Present 13 Oct: Chris Brown, Cheryl Byers, Sue Cutler, Brian Donovan, Marsha Driscoll, Tom Fauchald, Jeanine Gangeness, Troy Gilbertson, Colleen Greer, Mike Herbert, Bonnie Higgins, Butch Holden, Ivy Knoshaug, Doug Leif, Co Livingston, Keith Marek, Brendan McManus, Louise Mengelkoch, Nancy Michael, Mike Morgan, Dianne Narum, Deb Peterson, Karl Salscheider, Mehdi Sheikholeslami, Kathryn Smith, John Truedson, Jeffrey Ueland, Derek Webb, Pat Welle, James White, Marty Wolf.

Not attending: Miriam Rivera-Hokanson, Phil Dahl, Matthew Bowen, Donald Cloutman, Janice Haworth, Dean Frost, Craig Hougen, Bud Nestel.

Summer schedule
The Administration would like specifics of what we would like to see in summer schedule. Brown opened floor for discussion on options:

Cutler: variable starts and ends to gain possible of 10 weeks
Driscoll: adding a week on the end would solve problems for chemistry, biology. Would need food and dorm services for this added week.
Sheikholeslami – Let departments decide start and end times.

Motion: We propose a 10 week session starting 1 June ending Aug 7. Moved by Wolf. Fauchald seconded.

Discussion
Leif: allows us to adjust start and end dates within the terminal dates
Fauchald: may help us increase summer enrollment.

Peterson: called question. **Motion carried.**

**Motion:** To clarify: the calendar would provide a 12 day interim from 5/13 – 5/29. May 13th would be the first non duty day. The understanding of the senate is that the 10 week session would allow courses to start late, and be noted in the schedule that way. Moved by Wolf; seconded by Peterson. **Motion carried.**

**Lisa Erwin: Academic Integrity Policy**
Requested us to look into our academic integrity policy.

**Motion:** Moved by Fauchald; seconded by Wolf. Charge Academic Affairs with this request, and report to Senate at the first Senate meeting in December, 2008. **Motion carried.**

Driscoll: noted that we dealt with this issue last year. We would like something specific from Erwin. We would like to know exactly what the issues are.

**Committee Representation**
There are concerns about the 2:1:1:1 balance to reexamine the rules of representation

Motion: Moved by Fauchald; seconded by Higgins. Charge the Rules Committee to look into these concerns. **Motion carried.**

Faculty who have concerns about the College representation should talk to members of the Rules Committee. We would like the Rules Committee to make a recommendation.

**Update on Senate Seats: Gritzmacher**

We are now down to 2 vacancies on the ACC

**Motion** by Driscoll; seconded by Webb: Move that Senate approve the new committee
members as listed in the Committee membership of 13 Oct 2008. **Motion carried.**

**School board referendum**
Truedson encourage faculty to support the upcoming school referendum.

**Go Green!**
Resolution introduced by Driscoll; seconded by Donovan. (Resolution attached)

**Motion** made by Peterson; seconded by Fauchald: Move to have the opportunity to take the resolution back to departments to discuss. **Motion carried.**

Motion to adjourn made by Fauchald; seconded by Webb.

Adjourned 4:43

Submitted: M C Morgan