Senators Present: Dave Benson, Cheryl Byers, Mark Christensen, Phil Dahl, Laurie Desiderato, Tom Fauchald, Mark Fulton, Jeanine Gangeness, Troy Gilbertson, Heidi Hansen, Mike Herbert, Butch Holden, Ellen Jones, Christel Kippenhan, Mark Lawrence, Doug Leif, Co Livingston, Brian Ludlow, Keith Marek, Tom Murphy, Dianne Narum, Bud Nestel, Miriam Rivera-Hokanson, Karl Salscheider, Mehdi Sheikholeslami, Kathryn Smith, Jennifer Swanson, John Truedson, Jeffrey Ueland, Rose Weaver, Derek Webb, Pat Welle

Senators Absent: Virgil Bakken, Matthew Bowen, Bonnie Higgins, Craig Hougen, Tim Kroeger,

**Call to Order**
Motion by Welle/Gangeness for Ellen Jones to serve as parliamentarian this year. Approved.

Both the Senate secretary and BSUFA secretary positions are currently available.

**Approval of Minutes of April 5 – April 26**
Delayed because revised minutes were sent late today.

**President’s Report**

_Student Senate welcome_ – Michael Meelhouse, Kyle Moehlering are student Senate co-Presidents. Student Senate is supporting a smoke-free campus and is forming a task force about this issue. They will be discussing how to deal with the $6 billion budget crisis in the state. The first student senate meeting is this Wednesday at 4:00. They have one or two at-large seats and freshman seats to fill.

**Don Larsson, IFO President**
Potential and Existing Issues:
(a) Changes in health care coverage, affecting adult dependents and over-the-counter drug coverage.
(b) Upcoming “budget cliff” and its impact on contract negotiations. The gubernatorial election and new MnSCU chancellor are big unknowns.
(c) Contractual: 9-month faculty language, packaged courses.
(d) Flexibility and accountability.

Much of this is detailed in the IFO newsletter.
Larsson described “re-rostering.” Relevant seniority roster language is in Article 20 Section A of the contract. The IFO is encouraging the use of early retirement incentives. The 20th day of classes is the deadline for notifying tenured faculty of retrenchment. Some situations at other MnSCU universities were described. Chancellor McCormick has vowed that he will not leave a budget deficit for the new chancellor.

MnSCU policy indicates that course outcomes belong to the university and must be publicly available. How you teach material, however, is your intellectual property.

**BSUFA President Gilbertson:**
Russ Stanton, IFO Director of Government Relations, will be on campus September 28, 29 to meet with faculty nearing retirement. Enrollment in health care for dependents is not automatic.

**Issues summary (refer to attachments)**
Informational attachments sent to Senators included BESI, Student Transfer Survey Report, Report Card on Higher Education in Minnesota, and Performance bonuses for Chancellor’s Office, Campus Presidents, MnSCU officers.

A “Permission to use student work” form will be sent to the faculty.

**Standing Rules**
Meetings will end at 5:15. Will attempt to make motions and language issues clear prior to a vote. Will try to post information, including minutes, on the BSUFA website in a timely manner.

**Announcements**

Ellen Jones is the IFO representative to the Safety Committee.

**Committee Reports**

*Budget* – Tom Fauchald distributed twelve pages of budget information indicating the potential effect of various scenarios.

Adjournment (5:15)

The next Senate meeting is Monday, September 13, 2010.

Submitted by C. Livingston
August 24, 2010