Minutes of the BSUFA Faculty Senate
November 1st, 2010

Present: Troy Gilbertson, Jennifer Attebery, Jim Brouwer, Cheryl Byers, Phil Dahl, Laurie Desiderato, Tom Fauchald, Mark Fulton, Jeanine Gangeness, Colleen Greer, Hedi Hansen, Mike Herbert, Bonnie Higgins, Butch Holden, Ellen Jones, Christel Kippenhan, Mark Lawrence, Co Livingston, Keith Marek, Tom Murphy, Dianne Narum, Bud Nestel, Miriam Rivera-Hokanson, Karl Salscheider, Mehdi Sheikholeslami, Jennifer Swanson, John Truedson, Jeffrey Ueland, Rose Weaver, Derek Webb, Pat Welle, Jim White.

Absent: Virgil Bakken, Dave Benson, Mark Christenson, Craig Hougen, Doug Leif, Brain Ludlow, Kathryn Smith.

The meeting was called to order by President Troy Gilbertson at 4:00 pm.

The Minutes of the 10-4-10 meeting were moved for acceptance with the following corrections: Christel Kippenhan’s name was misspelled. In the reference to toxicity Ellen Jones raised the issue not Cheryl Byers.

Ellen Jones moved that the agenda be reordered so that Erika Bailey-Johnson could bring a request to the Senate to survey the faculty about environmental issues. The motion was seconded by Laurie Desiderato. The motion passed.

Erika Bailey-Johnson spoke to the Senate about polling the faculty about environmental issues. It was moved by Tom Fauchald and seconded by Ellen Jones that Erika Bailey-Johnson be allowed to survey the faculty. Motion passed.

Jeff Ueland presented several motions from the Executive Committee.

The first motion was:

Whereas

The BSUFA has a duly elected budget committee already in place.

And Whereas

The president of the university can recommend people to committees, but the BSUFA has the contractual right to choose their representation for any committee

And whereas

The three faculty members invited to be a part of the ad-hoc budget committee currently sit on the duly elected BSUFA budget committee.
Be it resolved

The BSUFA executive committee moves that we appoint the entire, duly elected BSUFA budget committee to represent the faculty on the ad-hoc budget committee. If BSUA faculty senate approves this motion and the administration is not accepting of this position that it is also moved that the BSUFA decline to be part of the ad-hoc budget committee.

After discussion the motion passed.

The second motion was:

Whereas

The faculty have a duly elected senate which is the official voice on representing the faculty at Bemidji State University

and whereas

The use of administrative “informational forums” serves as an informal means that can address the dissemination of non-bargaining unit information

And whereas

The president of the university has the right to create committees and recommend people to these committees, but the BSUFA has the contractual right to choose their representation for any committee.

Be it resolved

The BSUFA executive committee moves to discourage faculty from participating on a University Senate.

After considerable discussion the motion was withdrawn and the following substitute motion was proposed by Derek Webb and seconded by Tom Fauchald.

Be it resolved

The BSUFA does not support the creation of a University Senate.

The BSUFA will not participate in an ad hoc committee to discuss the creation of a University Senate.

The BSU reminds the administration that any faculty member who does unilaterally choose to participate does not in any way represent the BSUFA.

The motion passed.
Under the President’s Report Troy Gilbertson reported the President of the University has given the BSUFA a letter saying that the administration will not be looking at faculty D2L classes without faculty permission.

President Gilbertson also reported that the administration wanted to set up a process to review the university’s curriculum forms every so many years. The request was a direct result of the HLC report.

Tom Fauchald moved and Derek Webb seconded that the Curriculum Committee make a recommendation of what should be done with the review of curriculum forms. A motion to table until the next meeting was made by Ellen Jones. The motion to table was pasted.

President Gilbertson reported that there were two self nominations for the IFO GLBT Committee and the IFO Feminist Issues Committee. Jeff Uleland moved and Tom Fauchald seconded that Colleen Geer be appointed to the IFO GLBT Committee and Sarah Tarutis be appointed to the IFO Feminist Issues Committee. Motion passed.

President Gilbertson informed the Senate that there was a request by the Northern Student that a reporter be allowed to attend Faculty Senate meetings. It was moved by Jeanine Gangeness and seconded by Jim Brouwer that we do not allow reporters at the Faculty Senate meeting. The motion passed.

President Gilbertson brought up the Vice President of Academic Affairs search. President Hanson has requested that the three colleges each have a representative and that there be in addition one faculty member from at-large on the committee. Bud Nestel moved and Laurie Desiderato seconded that we follow our normal voting procedures and that we accept the President’s recommendation for membership on the Committee. The motion passed.

Curriculum Committee Report II was moved by John Truedson. It was approved.

The Budget committee made a brief report. The situation has gone from bad to worse with the election. There will be a state wide Budget and Governmental Relations Committee meeting next week and more can reported.

Pat Welle brought forth a resolution from the Budget Committee. Be it resolved that the instructional portion of the university’s budget be a non-declining percentage. Pat explained that the goal of this motion is that the Senate go on record that it does not want instruction costs, as a percentage of the university’s budget, to decrease any more than the 40% it is currently. For example if the university’s budget is cut 5 million dollars instruction would only be asked to absorb no more than 2 million (40% of 5 million) in cuts. The motion passed.

Jeffrey Ueland moved and Pat Welle seconded that the meeting be extended 15 more minutes. The motion passed.
Keith Marek gave an IFO Board report. The Chancellor’s search is progressing the IFO has only one representative, Don Larsson, on the search committee. The board is working on other issues such as reclaiming rights of laid off faculty and the requirements of course outlines and those outlines being posted on the web.

Karl Salscheider presented a resolution on the changing of MnSCU’s prohibited prefixes rule for liberal education classes. Because of its length the resolution it will be sent out in a separate e-mail. Salscheider did not wish a vote at this meeting on the resolution.

Jeffrey Ueland moved and Jim Brouwer moved to adjourn. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted

Tom Fauchald BSUFA Treasurer