BSUFA Senate Agenda – October 1, 2018

Attendees: Debra Sea, Joann Fredrickson, Paul Kivi, Dennis Lunt, Rucha Ambikar, Ryan Sayer, Heidi Hansen, Christel Kippenhan, Sarah Young, Tammy Bobrowsky, Francois Neville, Keith Marek, Jan Heuer, Mary Fairbanks, Brian Donovan, Gary Rees, Nicky Michael, Holly LaFerriere, Halbana Tarmizi, David Frison, Janice Haworth, Miriam White, Elizabeth Rave, Katie Peterson, Samantha Jones, Pat Donnay, Mike Hamann, Nancy Hall, Bill Joyce, Kari Wood, Mike Murrya, Derek Webb, Lainie Hiller.

4:02pm

Ryan Sayer – Motion to approve minutes.

Keith Marek- 2nd

Approved

President’s report- Tim Walz coming to visit BSU on October 15th.

Uradnik lawsuit update- in federal court, hearing was a week ago, judge ruled.

Jan Heuer- the hearing was interesting, unheard of at federal level for such a quick decision- 7 days is usually about 30 days for a decision. Circuits are consistent, and if there are some inconsistencies it could push it to Supreme Court. I think the judge was thorough and he was right. He focused on labor piece, and the interstate commerce. It was a wonderful opinion, well-written, and I think he made the right decision. Apparently appeals have been filed with appellate court immediately. I think Judge Magnusson’s opinion will be followed.

DW- all campus unions had a meeting. Talked about M&C concerns, bargaining concerns, and we proposed an end of year get together; it was a really productive meeting. I think this was a first. So I think Janus has had some good outcomes, and this is one of them.

Re-imagining higher education

BoT has new initiative. They have cut us out of the loop. In order for this to succeed, it HAS to involve faculty. They have not done this. We are trying to hold academic forums on each campus to form own thoughts on this. I’m hoping that as many as possible can attend Becky Omdahl meetings. President Hensrud is aware of this, and supports it. All seven presidents from all campuses are mystified and don’t know why faculty voice has been omitted.
Legislative budget proposal. Take a look! Interesting graphs in here. For example state funding over last few years adjusted for inflation- last few years have been pretty good to us, but still not where we were. I encourage you to take a look.

“What can I do to help?”- Handout. Ideas on how to help the IFO. We have had some really good success this fall in getting people to sign up to IFO. If you want to help, please contact me. Bigger things-participate in caucuses, get involved in political work, recruit new members, get on committees, run for senate, and be active.

Bill Joyce: Treasurer’s report- $6217.

DW- we are about where we were last year. We are being careful with our funds.

DW- negotiators- Mike Murray is not here, I think the negotiators are going to meet for the first time in November.

DW- grievance- one was in abeyance. We are calling it the “second adjunct grievance”. It was filed about two years ago and was put in abeyance, and now we are in the data-gathering period. We will update as it goes along.

DW- old business- proposal to change the honours requirements, and in spring senate tasked the academic affairs committee to meet with Michelle Frenzel and create updates. At the last minute, at M&C, they brought the updated proposal, and it’s here for your discussion. Minimum GPA changed, 30 credits was the big change from the old language.

PK- why are we punishing students who do all four years here, and you can solve the transfer problem without harming 4-year students. The current students don’t care.

DW- the proposal that came the last spring, was this.

JH- can we ask for some re-writing?

DW- do you want MF to visit senate?

JH- we need the language to be clearer.

CK- the language itself is clear, but we are struggling with the fact that we favour transfer students. That’s what we are starting to confuse ourselves with. The language is pretty straightforward.

PD- the 30 credits comes from our residency requirements?

DW- possibly?

PD- would a different number be the 40 credits that they need to take at the 3000 level?

DW- change the 30 to a 40?

PD- and make it upper division.

DW- I’m not sure of the rationale, might be because there are a couple of other universities in our system that are 30 credits.

KP- that might get around the problems by taking the 40, but might make it harder to calculate because some have more credits than others.
Janice Haworth – do we care how many of our graduates get honours?

Brian Donovan- I would care, one of the compromises on the unfairness on those who are here for four years, and vs transfer, maybe we give our 4-years student the option of counting just the last two years for everyone.

DW- we are going to invite Michelle

PD- motion to invite Michelle to senate.

2 nd Keith Marek

Curriculum report - came from curriculum so doesn’t need a motion, or a second.

All curriculum passed

DW- New course form-do not use the form.

DL- motion to show this to the administration, ask them to either adopt it or come up with alternative that doesn’t expand on HLC requirements

Ryan Sayer 2 nd

Motion carried

Calendar update

KM- Ran into a little problem with summer. Records need to process grades and for financial aid etc., and that’s a couple of days, and so they wanted grades by midnight on the 12 th to get that done. New schedule has May class running a week later and running into June, so the proposal will go to next MC, but I wanted to bring here first 3 week may term, and then 2 four week summer sessions following that. So you could have the option to start earlier if you wanted to. Please take back to your departments and get some feedback from it, please give feedback by end of next week. Once we have something in process, we can duplicate it in future years.

1. Old Business (This is where I started taking minutes...KW)

   a. Graduation honors proposal

      i. Updated proposal was brought to meet and confer, draft is updated and listed above. Michelle Frenzel made some other changes after the meeting...changes to upper division credits instead of any type of credits.

      ii. Under the new proposal only about an 8% (increase) difference in number of honors students receiving honors at commencement

         1. Question by Paul K. -Which credits?

         2. We believe that it is at least 30 credits but it is based on all credits for those students who have attended BSU longer than 30 credits.

         3. Comment from Guy in plaid who sat next to Paul K.: I think we are favoring transfer students because they only have 30 (typically upper
division credits) to consider while those students who have been here
since day one have much more.

iii. Keith: Yes, cumulative is only BSU credits...transfer students do not take into
account (with the new proposal) other credits from previous institutions they've
attended.

iv. Comment: We would be the least vigorous so I think there are some problems.

v. Derek: After the meet and confer Michelle stated that she would add the upper
division credits from BSU as an additional requirement.

vi. Derek: They Increased the GPA requirements but lowered the credits to keep the
amount of honors awarded at commencement similar.

vii. Question: If the goal is to keep the number the same why are we doing this?

viii. Derek: BSU has received complaints from transfer students

ix. Question: Will this force GPA to be pulled into other degrees for honors
students...will departments be forced to accept those grades...

x. Paul: Can we solve the transfer student by not changing the GPA requirements.

xi. Question: Can we invite Michelle Frenzel to a senate meeting...the struggle is
that we are favoring transfer students.

xii. Suggestion: Change the 30 to 40 and make it upper division as required by
residence for our degree.

xiii. Nancy nursing: 40 would be more fair I think.

xiv. Jan: do we care about how many students get honors?

xv. Suggestion: What if we give the students that are here for 4 years can choose to
have 40 upper division credits or all of them?

xvi. Sarah: There are plenty of transfer students bringing in Cs but do much better
when they get here too.

xvii. Motion by P. Donnay to invite Michelle Frenzel to next meeting for further
discussion of ideas, Keith seconds, and motion carries.

2. New Business

   a. Curriculum Report I: Recommendation from Curriculum Committee to approve

      i. 18-19 Curriculum Report I

      ii. 18-19 Curriculum Report I . v2

      iii. 2.TADT_18-19 vFinal CP

      iv. 3.BIOL_18-19 vFinal CP
v. 4.HSHE_18-19 vFinal CP
vi. 6.MUS_18-19 vFinal CP
vii. 23.PHIL_17-18 vFinal.6 CP

Discussion: Motion from Curriculum committee to approve all curriculum reports above, Curriculum committee seconds, and the motion carries.

b. Course request form with distance education criteria
   i. Is the indication from Administration that this is purely for HLC?
      1. No, it is not clear.
   ii. Motion by Dennis L. to show the updated form with the HLC definition of Distance Education to administration to adopt it or come up with an alternative that doesn’t expand on HLC requirements.
      1. Second: Brian D.
      2. Discussion? None.
      3. Motion Passes

c. Calendar update – Keith Marek
   i. The start of May term is suggested a week later and will run into June. This proposal is to allow extra time for Records to process grades after commencement. It was determined that most May term classes are online. The idea is to take this information back to your departments to decide if this will be okay. Then if or when it’s approved we can run something similar in the future summers. In contrast to the past they were prescriptive on start dates but a lot of people didn’t follow suit so now they’re trying to offer more flexibility with start dates and get collaboration from faculty.
      1. Question: If we can ask for an exception and we can start whenever and end whenever? So what does this calendar mean? Do you really need feedback?
      2. Keith: I just wanted to get your feedback before bringing it to Meet and Confer. The main idea is to have similar start dates that are listed in the calendar to limit confusion for students and processing time for Records.
      3. Joann: Start date is the main issue? The 20th of May is too restrictive so if more information could be added that would be helpful.
4. Sarah: start dates are important for withdrawing for students 5 days from 27 different start dates is impossible. It would be nice to have similar start dates it would make it easier on students and advising as well.

5. Keith: Yes

6. Sarah: Financial aid has to run the numbers all the time in a proportion to the 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, or 12 week course design. Fewer start dates would help that as well. Although, that is probably an automated report that Financial Aid is responsible for...

ii. Keith M. The only change for the current academic calendar was to add the final posting dates for both semester. Fall 2018 will have Friday 12-21 for the Grade date while Spring 2019 will have May 14th 2019.

d. New caucus structure for Faculty of Color, Feminist Issues/Women Faculty, and LGBTQ+ Faculty.

i. 2018 Delegate Assembly resolution MS.2018.14 approved: replace FA equity committees (BSUFA Equity Committee) with caucuses and each caucus will have representation in FA governance and on statewide IFO equity committees.

**MS.2018.14** Faculty Association equity committees be replaced by separate caucuses (Faculty of Color, Feminist Issues/Women Faculty, LGBTQ+ Faculty), and each will have representation in Faculty Association governance and on state-wide IFO equity committees.

**Explanation:** The intent of this resolution is for equity groups to select their own representatives on campus and to state-wide committees. This enhances direct communication of each group’s interests to its representative(s) and provides more accountability. This is consistent with current efforts to expand membership and their engagement. [IFO Joint Equity Committees and IFO Faculty of Color Caucus]

e. BSUFA Operating Procedures language on Governmental Relations Committee membership in relation to IFO GR Committee

f. Subsection 6: Governmental Relations Committee

a) Committee Charge:

I. To develop and recommend, in accordance with the BSUFA Executive Board and with Senate approval, language and rationale for potential legislation, a legislative platform, and legislative funding;

II. To contact legislators to implement such policies with approval of the Senate and Executive Board;

III. And to report to the BSUFA Executive Board and Senate information that may bear on pending legislative actions, policies, and so forth.
IV. Two committee members to serve on the IFO Government Relations Committee

a. Spring we call an election for the down state seats and then those (Steve Carlson and Dennis Lundt) serve on the local committee

b. I’ve been told the way we do it works well but it doesn’t seem to follow the language, my suggestion is to alter the language to fit what we currently do

c. We like having more opinions involved in this decision. We currently ask the senate instead of charging a committee to nominate two people from their existing committee.

ii. Dennis Lundt: Motion to extend 5 minutes second by Joann F.,

iii. Motion passes

a. Suggestion: The rules committee should be in charge of writing the correction...which is Derek due to difficulty for that committee meeting.

b. Suggestion: Following Keith’s comments the 2 Downstate committee members should be on the local committee as well

c. Comment: Departments may be over represented so the rules committee may better handle this.

d. Kippenhan-Motion for the rules committee to update the verbiage for electing two committee members to serve on the IFO Government Relations Committee and define the role the two downstate governmental members would play on the local committee . Second: Keith M.

e. Motion Passes

b. Committee Composition: The committee shall consist of

--1 member from the College of Arts, Education, and Humanities
--1 member from the College of Business, Mathematics, and Sciences
--1 member from the College of Individual and Community Health
--1 member from Athletics
--1 member from the Student and Academic Support unit

c. Committee Term: 3 years

d. IFO changes its operating procedure so we need to create 3 new senate seats to come into alignment with the statewide procedures.

i. Caucuses are different then committees by definition and operation but we won’t go into that explanation at this time.

g. Provost Peffer and Derek Webb to attend a Student Senate meeting to talk about class caps – October 10 meeting

i. Derek is on jury duty so that’s why the date to attend Student Senate meeting with Provost Peffer was moved to 10-10-19. Class caps will be discussed at that meeting.
3. Other

Meeting moved for adjournment at 5:19, seconded, motion carried meeting adjourned at 5:20pm