BSUFA Meeting August 17, 2011

Rules Committee Agenda Speaking Notes

BSUFA Constitution / IFO Constitutional Review Committee

We will need to make some significant changes in language, both procedurally and to bring us into line with what IFO proposes.

1. Our current constitution and bylaws still refer to planning committees, and there are other changes that are coming from IFO.
2. One of those changes will be that instead of bylaws we will have operating procedures.
3. Some changes will reflect items noted under the heading Rules Committee Recommendations that will be taken to the August 22 senate meeting.
4. We will have to wait to present constitutional changes to the BSUFA for a ratification vote.

Number of Faculty 140*

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The 156 elected seats are held by 72 faculty members – 1 member for each 2 seats. By rough count 43 people hold 1 seat, 19 people hold 2 seats, 7 hold 3 seats, and 3 hold 4 seats. In other words, ½ of BSU faculty are NOT involved in the process.

* It should be noted that all figures are ‘rough count” and rounding has occurred. Closer examination may reveal a very slightly different picture, but

BSUFA Representation

The number of BSU faculty has been reduced and more reductions are predicted. We can no longer support the current committee and senate structures.

1. There are currently about 140 members of the BSU faculty.
   a. There are 43 voting members of the senate – 35 faculty and 8 board members. A quorum of 60% is required – 26 members.
      i. Even though quorum may be reached there are a number of senators who do not regularly attend senate meetings.
      ii. Many senators do not read previous minutes, curriculum reports or other reports.
b. Executive Board has 8 seats.
c. We currently have 12 BSUFA committees.
   i. There are 71 seats and 20 vacancies, a 27% vacancy rate.
   ii. A number of committees meet infrequently or never.
d. There are currently 15 University wide committees
   i. There are 48 seats and 14 vacancies, a 29% vacancy rate.
   ii. By rough count, 12 faculty members serve on two or more of
       the U-wide committees and/or the BSUFA committees, and 3
       serve on 3 or more committees.
   iii. Again, a number of these committees do not meet regularly,
       and if they do me, it is unclear which faculty members attend
       meetings.

Rules Committee Recommendations that will be taken to the August 22 senate meeting

- Senate representation
  o Move to a true senatorial model rather than a representative one and reduce
    the size of senate to a more manageable number with senators committed to
    service. It will be proposed that each department of 5 or more full time
    faculty shall be eligible to elect 1 senator. Smaller departments will continue
    to form pools, each of which shall be eligible to elect 1 senator. **Rationale:**
    *The number of senators will be reduced to roughly 22 and the ratio of
    senators to faculty will be 1:6.*

- Committee condensation/restructuring
  o Add one committee made up entirely of representatives to statewide IFO
    committees. There will be 4 stipulated seats (GLBTA, Feminist Issues, Benefit
    Equity, and, Multicultural Issues.) Additionally, each representative of the
    other currently functioning IFO committees will be included. **Rationale:**
    *This will bring us into compliance with IFO dictates and will facilitate
    reporting to the senate.*
  o Eliminate both the Governmental Relations Committee and the Action
    Committee, folding their charges into the charge of the executive board. A
    subcommittee of the executive board may handle the charges, or an ad hoc
    committee may be charged, as the need exists. **Rationale:** *Neither of these
    committees is fully staffed and neither meets regularly, nor needs to.*
  o Reduce the size of all BSUFA committees to 4—a single seat representing
    each college with one at large seat. This includes the liberal education
    committee and the graduate committee. In the event that a committee could
    not reach consensus on an issue it would be brought before senate for
    resolution. (A designated library seat may need to exist on one or more
    committees. All SAS members would be eligible to serve in an at large seat.)
    **Rationale:** *This will reduce the current number of BSUFA committees to
    11 and the number of elected committee seats to 44.*
  o Survey BSUFA members on the University-wide committees to determine
    regularity of meetings.
• If some committees are not meeting, we will request that President Hanson determine whether they should remain in existence.
• Once it is determined how many U-Wide committees actually function, we will evaluate each to determine whether the existing number of seats on each committee is appropriate.

   **Rational:** Following the survey, it may be possible and appropriate to reduce the number of seats on U-Wide committees.

**Fall Call**

Fall call will be held and we will do what we can to fill existing committee vacancies recognizing that by the spring call our committee structures may look very different.

Part of the call will be for 1 person to serve on the statewide ad hoc committee to establish procedures for the upcoming IFO presidential election.