BSUFA meeting 8-22-18

316pm called to order

Derek - new faculty meeting tomorrow in Bridgeman 100, hope to see y all there.

First senate meeting, Monday sept 10

Fall call and other calls in the next few days.

Introduced exec team-

Update on LGBTQ caucus update. Shannon

Shannon Norman: On our camps we have committees that represent specific groups, committees are no longer, is now caucus and don’t have to be an IFO member to participate.

DW- special guests- Brent Jeffers, Jonathan Bohn, Becky Omdahl, matt Smriga

BJ- signup sheet, to ask you to get more involved in IFO

BJ- update on JANUS, and the lawsuit filed against IFO.

I’m envious- you get to walk into your classroom, academic freedom to teach that curriculum as you deem it first time in 30 years I won’t be teaching and I feel sad about that. We should start with a little history of IFO, it will have relevance to Janus and the lawsuit, in 1938 in the MEA convention, a group of faculty that were the local association of the 6 teaching colleges at that time, got together at that convention and talked about issues of higher education and the IFO was form, and a year later formed a inter faculty policy committee, was precursor to IFO. At the same time, the campus presidents and the state college board, was looking for a way to include the faculty voice when they made presentation to the legislature and that IFO provided that voice in 1942 there was a single presentation to the legislature, by the College Board, IFO etc.- proved to be very effective. For the first tie, they could charge for fees autonomously, and how they would be allocated the single presentation was able to take the legislative appropriation out of the house and give it to the state college board and give to the campuses. Prior to that the 6 campuses made individual presentations and it was ineffective.

In 1947, the legislature diverted the Duluth teachers college to branch of University of MN. In 1950, we determined to affiliate with MEA, because it gave a faculty voice to issues related to education from k12 – Higher Ed. Through 1960s, a campus awarded to the Marshall community, and in ’70s, a campus to St Paul. In 1971, the labor movement came to MN, and with that PELLRA (?) law, allowed public sector worker right to organise ad form a union. Several organisations were interested in becoming the voice of the teachers. In 1975 it was declared that there had to be vote, on May 12, 1975 faculty voted on exclusive representation, in that time in the 7 state universities, 1700 faculty, 83+% turned out to vote, and 96% voted for the affiliation for exclusive representation- right to unionise. 83% thought it was in our best interest to have a union.

JANUS case- challenging the right to have fair share fees. Previous lawsuit found that all members should benefit from union representation, and therefore everyone had to contribute. That was a 9-0 decision by the Supreme Court to uphold agency fees. 40 years of precedent ignored, and overturned the right of unions to collect agency fees. This affects all unions in the US- we can no longer charge fair share fees. We shouldn’t assume that Mark Janus is our opponent- it’s a funded
conservative group, funded by a group like Koch brothers. Their overall objective is to do away with unions, to do away with your right to unionise that’s their ultimate agenda. A lot of us believe they want to do away with public education all together- they want to defund, regulate, reunionise and privatise public education.

Adjourn 3:55pm