

Open BSUFA Meeting September 17, 2007

1. Dunn called the meeting to order at 4:03 PM.
 2. Sharon Gritzmacher, Chair, Rules Committee, called for self-nominations for the position of BSUFA Treasurer. (The position was vacated by Deb Peterson who was elected as BSUFA at-large representative on the IFO board.)
 3. Marty Wolf self-nominated for the position.
 4. Self-nominations will remain open until September 24, 2007; contact Gritzmacher.
 5. An election will be held if there is more than one candidate.
 6. Webb moved, Meyer seconded that the general meeting be adjourned; motion carried.
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BSUFA Senate Meeting September 17, 2007

Guests

Distinguished Guest, Nancy Black, IFO President
Distinguished Guest, Russ Stanton, IFO Government Relations Director
Colleen Greer
Sharon Gritzmacher (Rules Committee)
Janice Haworth
Rod Henry (IFO Statewide Negotiator)
Cody Nelson (Student Body President)
Vincent Vohnout

Present: Tammy Bobrowsky, Scott Borchers, Valica Boudry, Chris Brown, Cheryl Byers, Sue Cutler, Patrick Donnay, Brian Donovan, Marsha Driscoll, Elizabeth Dunn, Tom Fauchald, Mark Fulton, Susan Hauser, Michael Herbert, Craig Hougen, Christel Kippenhan, Russ Lee, Keith Marek, Brendan McManus, Louise Mengelkoch, Kathleen Meyer, Darren Olson, Deb Peterson, Kathryn Smith, Richard Spindler, John Truedson, Derek Webb, James White, Mandy Wick, Marty Wolf

1. Dunn called the meeting to order at 4:10 PM.
2. August 27, 2007 minutes: motion to approve by Donovan, seconded by Peterson; motion carried.
3. Dunn asked for a volunteer for senate parliamentarian; no one came forward. The task thus falls to the Rules Committee. Brendan McManus acknowledged that fact.
4. Bookstore issues were discussed. Dunn encouraged faculty to contact her, if they have concerns.
5. Cody Nelson, President, gave a report on the Student Senate. He is looking forward to an active year.
6. Committee Reports
 - a. Curriculum and Graduate Committees: Curriculum Committee chair Patrick Carriere and Graduate Committee chair Christel Kippenhan recommended

approval of Curriculum Report I, 2007-2008 per their respective committees. The report was accepted by the senate.

- b. Budget Committee: Chair Tom Fauchald distributed a spread sheet on MnSCU institutional appropriations, including cost studies.
 - c. Graduate Committee: Christel Kippenhan reported that the Committee is not yet ready to make a recommendation on the committee composition.
 - d. Rules Committee: Sharon Gritzmacher reported on the results of the last committee election. The senate approved the roster.
 - e. Liberal Education Committee: Chair Brian Donovan distributed the Liberal Education Task Force's bi-monthly report. He noted that the Task Force intends to bring a new Liberal Education curriculum proposal to the Senate at the October meeting.
7. Teaching award update: Dunn distributed a summary of proposed changes in the MnSCU teaching award. She requests that the senators take the proposal to their departments for discussion.
8. Transfer D policy: A discussion ensued regarding the proposed policy that D grades must be accepted in transfer. Mengelkoch will take questions and concerns to the IFO/MnSCU Transfer Oversight Committee, including the concern that the policy might override department policies that do not accept any D grades in their majors. (Gritzmacher was recognized by Webb.)

Dunn will take to Meet & Confer the concern that we need a systematic way to sort out the acceptance of D grades, internal or external, for our majors.

9. Dunn requested permission to donate BSUFA funds to flood relief efforts at Winona State. Fauchald moved, seconded by Webb, that we contribute \$200. A discussion ensued (Rod Henry recognized by Fauchald). Motion failed, eight to 18.

Motion by Wick, seconded by Truedson, to make a \$500 donation; motion carried.

10. Dunn introduced Nancy Black, IFO president, who welcomed us to the new academic year. Black reminded us that her second term ends July 2008 and there will be an election spring 2008 for a new president. She also noted that this is a delegate assembly year.
11. Black introduced Russ Stanton, Director of Government Relations who gave an update on legislative concerns.
12. Motion to adjourn by Fauchald, seconded by Truedson, 5:25 PM; motion carried.

Susan Hauser
Senate Recorder