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President Quistgaard met with members of the faculty and staff at the Campus Conversation last fall, one of the opportunities for the campus community to provide feedback which guided the development of the updated University Plan.

The University Plan: A Course for Change

The strengths of our student-centered University guide our path to the future

Change is occurring at Bemidji State University. Can you feel it? It's not the chaotic, riptide-like occurrences that arrive unexpectedly and often leave an organization flailing in the wake. No, it is the steady pace of planned change, much like an ocean liner shifting course, almost imperceptibly, one degree at a time.

With the updated University Plan now adopted by the campus community, the big-picture strategies and accompanying initiatives of the plan are being activated. Our focus is to optimize our resources – the talent of faculty, staff, students, alumni and community as well as our facilities and finances – to achieve the University's mission and vision. Our goals are rooted in the belief that by encouraging a campus culture of innovation, we will succeed.

Where do we begin? Bemidji State University has a reputation for being a student-centered, relationship-building university. The updated plan takes these strengths and places them at the center of everything we do. We know that the relationships students develop with faculty and staff enable them to reach their potential and fulfill their dreams. We know that active learning, in the classroom and in the community, best prepares students for the world in which they will live and work. We know that the environment, the health and welfare of our communities and the global family are in constant need of nurturing. Our updated plan keeps us attentive to these critical factors as we prepare students for success in their careers, their communities and their personal lives.

The plan calls upon each of us to actively participate in shaping not only the futures of our students, but also the vitality of our communities. While we're expanding expectations for student involvement at the local, state, national or international levels, we are also extending those expectations to the campus community. Each of us is being asked to seek opportunities for personal involvement and service that strengthen communities and improve the lives of the people around us.

Innovation will be the key to successfully implementing this updated plan. During campus conversations, the University community repeatedly noted the need for Bemidji State to become more flexible, nimble, adaptable and responsive to change. Initiatives to increase communication, support collaboration, decentralize planning and decision making, and sharpen the University's identity will significantly impact our ability to innovate. This increased capacity to innovate will position us well to meet future challenges as they arise.

The greatest strength of the updated University Plan is a steadily-charted course for change. That change involves the entire campus community - from individual and office or departmental efforts to collegiate and university-wide initiatives. Working together, we will help shape the futures of not only our students, but also of the University itself.

Highlights of the plan are available today in this issue of BSU Insider. Watch for a faculty-staff announcement about the University Plan being posted to the Web. When it is posted, please take time to read it. Also, begin charting your continued involvement in the success of our students, our campus and our communities.

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University Plan highlights

Updated vision and mission statements highlight new University Plan

Vision
Shaping potential. Shaping worlds.

Mission
Engage. Embrace. Educate.

At Bemidji State University, we engage in new worlds of thought, embrace responsible citizenship, and educate for a future that can only be imagined.

Strategies
Strategy A: Engage Students for Success in Careers, Communities and Life
Create opportunities for student success through high quality programs and services.

Strategy B: Promote Vital Communities Through Involvement
Support and promote community through commitments within our local, regional, national, and world spheres.

Strategy C: Innovate for a Changing World
Accommodate change through an organizational culture of creativity, innovation, and planning.

Strategy D: Optimize Resources to Achieve the University's Vision and Mission
Effectively manage and increase enrollment and resources in support of the University's vision and mission.

ICAP receives $40,000 grant

Service expansions on tap for post-secondary retention, attendance efforts

▶Complete story on the Web:
http://www.bemidjistate.edu/bsutoday/news-updates/2008/02/29/icap-receives-40k-grant

Bemidji State's Intervention for College Attendance Program (ICAP) recently received a $40,000 grant from the Minnesota Office of Higher Education. ICAP was established to foster post-secondary attendance and retention by providing outreach services to historically underserved students in grades 6-12 and underrepresented college students.

ICAP will annually serve 90 participants in grades 9-12 from five rural counties in northwest Minnesota. Each participant will be at risk for non-matriculation in a post-secondary educational setting and will be low-income and/or first-generation college. Additionally, a significant number of participants will also be minorities.

"By getting this grant, what we were able to do is increase some of the services we're offering to students," **Kelli Steggall**, assistant director and project director for the TRIO and Upward Bound programs, said. "We're able to offer more college visits to different campuses around Minnesota, and we're able to allow more students to go on those trips."

Social work program reaccredited

Council on Social Work Education accredits BSU's program through 2016

▶Complete story on the Web:
http://www.bemidjistate.edu/bsutoday/news-updates/2008/02/29/social-work-program-reaccredited

The social work program in Bemidji State University's College of Social and Natural Sciences recently received reaccreditation as a baccalaureate social work degree from the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). The reaccreditation becomes effective this month and continues through Feburary of 2016.

CSWE accreditation is required for a four-year college or university in the United States to offer a degree program in social work. Accreditation requires rigorous compliance with educational standards that prepare students for social work practice. The reaccrediation process included submission of a detailed self study outlining the social work program's compliance efforts within eight standards of accreditation. In September of 2007, a two-member site team from CSWE spent two days on campus reviewing the social work program's written materials, visiting facilities and meeting with administrators, faculty, students and community social work practitioners.

Campus Notes

Brief updates on the activities of your friends and colleagues at BSU

College of Arts and Letters

• **Patrick Carriere**, assistant professor of theatre & communication arts, recently accompanied 12 students to the Region V Conference of the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival in Omaha, Neb. He was selected to serve as a judge in the initial round of the Irene Ryan Acting Scholarship Auditions, act as a mentor for student directors and writers in the 10 minute play festival and participated in an acting workshop.

Carriere also was selected as this year's faculty representative from a seven-state region to the national conference at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. in April.

College of Professional Studies

• **Dr. Charles E. Alberti**, professor emeritus of education, provided editorial contributions to Grace Huerta, Ph.D. of Utah State University prior to the book "Educational Foundations - Diverse Histories, Diverse Perspectives" being published by Houghton Mifflin. Alberti's editorial contributions to Dr. Huerta are noted in the text.

• **Dr. Lorraine Boyle** and **Dr. Siri Anderson**, assistant professors of professional education, will present "Shake, Rattle and Role: Advising On-line Students in the 21st Century" at the 2008 Realizing Student Potential, I-Teach conference in Minneapolis from Feb. 28-March 1. DLiTE student Kristi Vetsch will also co-present.

• **Dr. Jim Mastro**, professor of professional education, is a finalist in the United States Olympic Hall of Fame - Paralympics Division. Mastro was nominated by a committee consisting of athletes, members of the US Olympic Hall of Fame, historians and USOC Representatives.

The U.S. Olympic Hall of Fame has established voting form on its Web site http://www.usolympichalloffame.com where visitors are able to cast votes in support of Mastro and other Hall of Fame candidates until March 28.

College of Social and Natural Sciences

• **Dr. Kenneth Traxler**, professor of chemistry, is one of 20 educators selected to participate in the U.S. Air Force Health Professional Tour held May 13-16 in San Antonio, Texas. The focus of the tour is to demonstrate to educators that the Air Force is a viable career option for top students who are interested in medical professions. Traxler will have the opportunity to experience the Air Force first hand through visits to Randolph Air Force Base, Lackland Air Force Base, and Brooks City-Base.

Student Development & Enrollment

• **T. Todd Masman**, director of leadership and service, and Rita Albrecht, community partner with the Headwaters Regional Development Council, attended a meeting of the Minnesota Campus Compact on Feb. 12 in relation to the capacity-building grant Bemidji State received in support of the development of a student-inspired Community Leadership Center.

• Earlier this year, Masman was elected to serve as the faculty and staff coordinator for the Minnesota Campus Alliance, a newly formed higher education association whose mission is to create welcoming, affirming and safe lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender environments on college and university campuses throughout Minnesota. It intends to build a statewide network of individuals and organizations working for equality and justice on issues of gender and sexual diversity.

• **Mary Tosch**, interim director of the Hobson Memorial Union, presented at the Minnesota College Personnel Association Careers in Student Affairs conference on Feb. 15. The title of the presentation was "The First Year Rollercoaster," and it discussed the transition to an individual's first year as a professional in student affairs.

Carriere

Boyle

Masman

Reminder: Fall 2008 CEL Course Requests

As you are working on your Fall 2008 course schedules, please remember to request your online, guided/self directed study, ITV and extension courses for fall semester by filling out the Center for Extended Learning Course Request Form and routing it for signatures to your department chair and dean. CEL will set up the course as soon as it receives the signed form.

The form is available online - go to the CEL home page at http://distance.bemidjistate.edu and click on the "For Faculty" link. The form is also available in PDF format by e-mailing Lynn Johnson at the CEL at ljohnson@bemidjistate.edu.

Reminder: FY2008 Purchase Deadlines

Logistical Services would like to remind you of the following upcoming purchasing deadlines:

Purchases requiring a sealed bid process:	April 25, 2008
Purchases above $2,000:	May 30, 2008
Purchases $2,000 or less:	June 13, 2008

The purchasing system will be shut down at the end of the day, June 13, 2008. It will be restarted for FY 2009 on July 1, 2008.

Important Reminder

Invoices for accounts beginning with a 334 or a 9 which are not paid by June 30, 2008 will be paid from FY2009 funds.

Entries for campus notes are compiled by reporters in each college, school or administrative area and submitted to the Office of Communications and Marketing for inclusion in BSU Insider.

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Personnel News

New faces and old friends in new places

• **Geri Bang** joined the Alumni Association as assistant director of alumni relations effective Feb. 18.

• **Timothy Holzhueter** joined the Center for Extended Learning as an adjunct instructor effective Feb. 11.

• **Joe Kleszyk** joined Security and Safety as a temporary employee effective Feb. 12.

• **T. Todd Masman** was named director of leadership and service effective Feb. 13.

• **Mary Tosch** was named interim director of the Hobson Memorial Union effective Feb. 13.

Things to Do on Campus

Upcoming Events at Bemidji State University

▶Complete University events calendar on the Web: http://students.bemidjistate.edu/calendar

Intercollegiate Athletics

Fri., Feb. 29
2:00 p.m. NSIC Indoor T&F Championships
Gillett Rec & Fitness Center
7:35 p.m. M Ice Hockey vs Wayne St. (Mich.)
John S. Glas Fieldhouse

Sat., March 1
9:00 a.m. NSIC Indoor T&F Championships
Gillett Rec & Fitness Center
7:05 p.m. M Ice Hockey vs Wayne St. (Mich.)
John S. Glas Fieldhouse

Sun., March 2
8:00 a.m. W Tennis vs SW Minnesota State
Gillett Rec & Fitness Center
4:00 p.m. W Tennis vs Minn.-Morris
Gillett Rec & Fitness Center

Music & Theatre

Fri., Feb. 29
7:30 p.m. Faculty Piano Recital: Steven Carlson
Thompson Recital Hall free

Sat., March 1
11:00 a.m. Northlands Trumpet Competition
Thompson Recital Hall free
7:30 p.m. Bemidji Concert Series: Wayne Bergeron
Thompson Recital Hall $20 adult/$10 student

Sun., March 2
3:00 p.m. Bemidji Symphony Orchestra
Bemidji High School $10 adult/$5 srs/students

Wed., March 5
7:29 p.m. Alice in Wonderland
Bangsberg Main Theater 755-3863 for info

Thur., March 6
7:29 p.m. Alice in Wonderland
Bangsberg Main Theater 755-3863 for info

Fri., March 7
7:29 p.m. Alice in Wonderland
Bangsberg Main Theater 755-3863 for info

Sat., March 8
1:00 p.m. Recital: Brittany Messer
Thompson Recital Hall free
7:29 p.m. Alice in Wonderland
Bangsberg Main Theater 755-3863 for info

Lectures & Presentations

Fri., Feb. 29
7:00 p.m. Dust & Fire Reading & Reception
featuring poet Sharon Chmielarz
American Indian Resource Center

Tue., March 4
10:00 a.m. Marty Leistikow
"Women's Diaries: A Window into History"
Academy of Lifelong Learning Lecture Series
Center for Research and Innovation
noon Brown Bag Lunch Series
"Waste Not, Want Not"
Viking Room; Lower Union

Tue., March 11
10:00 a.m. Curt Rice
"Language Death, Language Birth: The Life Cycle of Human Language"
Academy of Lifelong Learning Lecture Series
Center for Research and Innovation

Tue., March 18
10:00 a.m. Will Weaver
"Literacy and Teens: The Challenge of Reading"
Academy of Lifelong Learning Lecture Series
Center for Research and Innovation
noon Brown Bag Lunch Series
"Writers Who Care About the Environment"
Viking Room; Lower Union

Wed., March 19
7:00 p.m. Dr. Charles Alberti
"What Knowledge is of Most Worth?"
Honors Council Lecture Series
Education Arts 115
7:00 p.m. Dane Scott
"The Perfect Problem: The Legacy of Climate Change"
Don & Gladys McDonald Philosophy Lecture Series
Hagg-Sauer 107