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## Strategic Planning and Budget Goals Bring Significant Results

Last year, Bemidji State University committed itself to budget readjustments that would reduce and realign some \$5 million over a three-year period, with most of the readjustments addressed this year.

At the time, the challenge in front of us appeared nearly insurmountable. Yet, today we are seeing significant progress toward remedying the structural imbalance between revenues and expenses. These imbalances developed in our budget as the level of state support for the university deteriorated rapidly during the last decade. As a result of our changes, Bemidji State experienced a stable budget for this fiscal year and is close to reaching a balanced budget for the 2008-2009 fiscal year.

Achieving a balanced budget has not been easy or painless. The reductions in the areas of instruction, academic and institutional support, athletics, student services and physical plant impacted the University. Programs and course offerings were modified and staffing levels shifted. Yet, I am pleased to report that we were able to retain all colleagues currently in probationary or permanent faculty and staff lines.

At the same time, we have made new investments that are now signaling early success. In addition to new engineering technology programs, a new four-year track nursing program has been added that is resulting in a significant new cadre of students. Thanks to additional external funding, new state-of-the-art laboratories and classrooms will be completed in late fall. These initiatives will enable the University to meet critical labor force needs while helping individuals fulfill personal ambitions. In addition, the new Academic Success Center opened, furthering our ability to improve student retention and graduation rates.

On April 7, Governor Pawlenty signed a bonding bill that will bring nearly \$12 million of capital improvements to the campus. Funded projects include an \$8.9 million Sattgast Hall renovation and science laboratory addition and a \$525,000 Memorial Hall renovation for the nursing program's clinical resource center. Another \$2.28 million in funds will be used for critical asset maintenance and repair projects.

As a result of the support and diligence of state legislators, alumni, special University friends, community leaders, citizens and campus colleagues, the City of Bemidji was

successful in its bid to secure state funding to build the regional events center. A future economic engine for the region, the center also will be a premier new home for our Division I ice hockey programs.

We have reason to celebrate as we recount these remarkable results. At the same time, we must remain resolute in ensuring our financial stability. While it is too early to be certain about FY2010 budget projections, early state forecasts suggest that fiscal challenges may continue. Much will depend on any changes in state appropriations, the funding formula and tuition rates, which are currently capped. Because of our planning process and funding strategies, I'm confident we will be successful in meeting any budgetary challenges that may impact the University in the future.

In the meantime, I want to thank the University community for the hard work, creativity and tremendous commitment to student success. The upcoming Students Scholarship and Creative Achievement Conference and our May commencement exercises are major events that confirm Bemidji State's effectiveness in enabling students tap into their abilities and fulfill their goals. Yet, I know there are hundreds, if not thousands, of daily events, activities or learning moments that also serve to remind us of the University's capacity to deliver on that commitment.

Thus far, we have been successful in implementing a very difficult budgetary task. Despite the challenges, we have found a way to continue moving toward our vision of shaping potential, shaping worlds. Our planning and budget processes, coupled with the passion of the campus community to forge ahead, have served us well.



## Bemidji State receives \$12M in bonding money State funds Sattgast renovations, nursing lab construction

► A photo from the Governor's April 9 visit to Bemidji is available on the Web:  
<http://www.bemidjistate.edu/bsutoday/news-updates/2008/04/10/governor-visits-bemidji>

Minnesota Governor Tim Pawlenty visited Bemidji on Wednesday, April 9, to hold a symbolic signing ceremony for the state of Minnesota's 2008 bonding bill. Pawlenty's approval of the bonding bill signed into law more than \$12 million in state appropriations for Bemidji State University and a \$20 million appropriation to the city of Bemidji to begin construction of a regional events center.

Bemidji State's appropriation includes \$8.9 million for the renovation of Sattgast Hall; \$525,000 for the conversion of Memorial 9 into a clinical experiences laboratory for the nursing program; and \$2.2 million in HEAPR funds for infrastructure improvement projects across campus.

"We're pleased to learn that Bemidji State University will receive nearly \$12 million in capital improvement funds from this bonding bill," BSU President Dr. Jon E. Quistgaard said. "The \$8.9 million project to renovate Sattgast Hall and \$525,000

in funding for the addition of a clinical development station for nursing will help expand Bemidji State's capacity to educate students in two areas vital to the future of Minnesota - nursing and technology education. These programs have been implemented in direct response to the demands of the Minnesota job market for skilled workers in these fields, and these capital improvements will help us fulfill our mission to improve the quality of life in the region and across the state."

The Governor also signed into law a \$20 million appropriation to the city of Bemidji for construction of a regional events center. Bemidji State entered into an agreement with the city in January of 2008 to become the anchor tenant of what was then a proposed regional events center, allowing the center to become the new home of BSU's men's and women's NCAA Division I hockey programs.

## Bemidji State lands \$49,824 MJSP grant

BSU to provide accreditation training to UMMHC, other mental health providers

► Complete story available on the Web:  
<http://www.bemidjistate.edu/bsutoday/news-updates/2008/04/04/bsu-receives-mjsp-grant>

Bemidji State University, the Minnesota Job Skills Partnership (MJSP), the Minnesota Department of Employee and Economic Development and the Upper Mississippi Mental Health Center (UMMHC) signed a capacity-building grant on April 4 which will allow BSU to provide accreditation training to behavior health providers and to help UMMHC complete its process to become accredited.

The MJSP grant, which totals \$49,824, along with approximately \$55,000 in funding from UMMHC, will support a one-year training collaboration which will allow UMMHC to undergo a process to meet accreditation standards set forth by

the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF). Approximately 68 mental health professionals, business operations staff and psychologists at UMMHC will receive advanced training in business process improvement, business principals and continuous improvement and CARF accreditation.

"These types of grants and partnerships are so significant to the University," said **Bill Maki**, vice president for administration and finance. "These partnerships help build our capacity as an organization and help us pursue our mission to improve the quality of life for the region."

## Open forums with CIO candidates continue next week

Opportunities to meet final two candidates scheduled for April 17, April 28

Open forums for the final two finalists for BSU's Chief Information Officer (CIO) position will be held from 3:15-4:15 pm in the Crying Wolf Room, Hobson Memorial Union on the following dates:

• **Thursday, April 17: Joe Whetstone**  
Whetstone is an independent IT consultant and former vice president of information technology and CIO at Winona State University.

• **Monday, April 28: Robert Paterson**  
Paterson is the CIO at Salem State College in Massachusetts.

During the open forums, each of the candidates will be providing a short presentation on information technology followed by a question and answer period.

These forums are your opportunity to learn more about the five finalists for BSU's CIO position, ask them questions and provide feedback to the search committee.

## Campus Notes

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

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### College of Arts and Letters

• **Dr. Anton S. Treuer**, associate professor of Ojibwe, was awarded an institutional grant from the Minnesota Humanities Commission to publish the next issue of the "Oshkaabewis Native Journal." The journal, published by Bemidji State University, is the only academic journal of the Ojibwe language. The \$5,000 grant will be used to defray costs of production and shipping. No payments are made to editors, staff or contributors.

### College of Social & Natural Sciences

• **Dr. Riki Scheela**, professor of nursing, and three students, Beth Olson, Sandy Holmgren and Dwayne Caneen, did a presentation titled "Modeling and Role-Modeling: Bemidji State University Student Practicum Experiences" at the 12th Biennial Conference of the Society for the Advancement of Modeling and Role-Modeling in Chicago on April 4. The students presented their experiences using the modeling and role-modeling nursing theory in practice: Olson with hospice clients, Holmgren with psychiatric clients, and Caneen with home care clients.

### Student Development & Enrollment

• **T. Todd Masman**, director of leadership and service, attended the 84th annual convention of the American College Personnel Association: College Student Educators in Atlanta, Ga., March 31-April 2. While there, Masman coordinated two national awards events for contributions to the association and to the profession of student affairs. In addition, he was a program facilitator for the session "Unmasking the Complexities of Privilege, Oppression, and Power: Strategies for Transforming Knowledge to Action in the Student Affairs Profession."

### Office of the President

• **Brad Folkestad**, sports information director, and **Troy Berneking**, assistant sports information director, have been recognized for excellence in athletic publications by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA). Bemidji State's 2007 football media guide, produced by Folkestad, and 2007-08 men's basketball media guide, produced by Berneking, each finished 10th nationally amongst all entries from NCAA Division II and NCAA Division III institutions in the annual CoSIDA publications contest.

## Reminders

### • Keyless Access Cards

As most of you know, Bemidji State is implementing a new security system for the external doors on campus. In order to start implementing this system the Office of Security and Safety needs for all faculty, staff, adjunct faculty and graduate assistants to receive a keyless access card.

If you have not yet requested a keyless access card, please do so now. This includes all employees located in Decker, Birch, Gillett Rec Center, John Glas Fieldhouse and any of the residence halls. There will be two forms to choose from, one for residence halls and one for other buildings - you may need both. Forms are available on the portal; print and fill out the form, have it signed by your supervisor and send it to Jeff Sande, Deputy Hall #1.

### • 2008-09 Textbook Orders

Thank you to all of you who have submitted textbook orders for fall and summer 2008. The book store would greatly appreciate any textbook orders you have ready up to this point.

Why does the book store need your book requests so early? Used books save students money. Students in your class this semester win if you are using the same book, we can buy them from your students and pay them up to 50% for their current text. Students in your class next semester win because we not only buy books from our current students, but we can also get an early start on sourcing books nationally to get the most used text inventory possible.

Please submit your summer and fall textbook orders to the BSU Bookstore.

### • FY2008 Purchasing 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.

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## 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

**Tuesday, April 15**

2:00 p.m. **Softball vs Minnesota-Crookston**  
BSU Softball Field (double header)

**Wednesday, April 16**

2:00 p.m. **Softball vs Mary (N.D.)**  
BSU Softball Field (double header)

**Friday, April 25**

2:00 p.m. **Softball vs Northern State (S.D.)**  
BSU Softball Field

4:00 p.m. **Softball vs Northern State (S.D.)**  
BSU Softball Field

**Wednesday, April 29**

1:00 p.m. **Baseball vs Minnesota-Duluth**  
BSU Baseball Field (double header)

**Thursday, April 30**

1:00 p.m. **Baseball vs Mary (N.D.)**  
BSU Baseball Field (double header)

**Saturday, May 3**

1:30 p.m. **Football: Spring Green & White Game**  
Chet Anderson Stadium

#### Lectures & Presentations

**Tuesday, April 15**

10:00 a.m. **Fulton Gallagher**  
"Opera - For Real!"  
Academy of Lifelong Learning Lecture Series  
Center for Research and Innovation

7:00 p.m. **Susan Hauser & Maureen Gibbon**  
"Where Do Poems Come From?"  
Honors Council Lecture Series  
Hagg-Sauer 112

**Tuesday, April 24**

7:00 p.m. **Mike Garrett**  
"The Mental Maps and Mindscapes of the  
American Midwest"  
Honors Council Lecture Series  
Hagg-Sauer 112

#### Music & Theatre

**Friday, April 11**

7:29 p.m. **"Twelfth Night"**  
Bangsberg Main Theater 755-3863 for info

7:30 p.m. **Bemidji Concert Series**  
**Chiu Ling Lin & Chiu Tze Lin duo piano**  
Thompson Recital Hall \$20 adult/\$10 student

**Saturday, April 12**

3:00 p.m. **Senior Recital: Kim Hedegard**  
Thompson Recital Hall free

7:29 p.m. **"Twelfth Night"**  
Bangsberg Main Theater 755-3863 for info

7:30 p.m. **Senior Recital: Quincy Tiffany**  
Thompson Recital Hall free

**Sunday, April 13**

3:00 p.m. **Bemidji Symphony Orchestra**  
Bemidji High School \$10 adult/\$5 student/sr

**Wednesday, April 16**

7:30 p.m. **Varsity Singers Home Concert**  
Bangsberg Main Theater free

**Thursday, April 17**

7:30 p.m. **Trombone Choir**  
Thompson Recital Hall free

**Friday, April 18**

7:29 p.m. **"Twelfth Night"**  
Bangsberg Main Theater 755-3863 for info

**Saturday, April 19**

3:00 p.m. **DeKrey Scholarship Concert**  
Thompson Recital Hall free

7:29 p.m. **"Twelfth Night"**  
Bangsberg Main Theater 755-3863 for info

**Sunday, April 20**

3:00 p.m. **"Twelfth Night"**  
Bangsberg Main Theater 755-3863 for info

**Tuesday, April 22**

7:30 p.m. **Chamber Choral Ensembles**  
Bangsberg Main Theater free

**Friday, April 25**

7:30 p.m. **Student Recital: Teresa Hansey**  
Thompson Recital Hall free

**Saturday, April 26**

3:00 p.m. **Student Recital: Zeb Norenberg**  
Thompson Recital Hall free

7:30 p.m. **Jazz Band I**  
Thompson R.H. \$5 adults/\$3 sr/free students

**Sunday, April 27**

3:00 p.m. **Symphonic Band "Prism II"**  
Bangsberg Main Theater free

### Get Your News on the Web

Check the Bemidji State University Web site daily for news and information about activities and events all across campus! Information is available on the faculty and staff portals and at BSU Today.

The Portal can be found at:

<https://portal.bemidjistate.edu>

BSU Today is located at:

<http://www.bemidjistate.edu/bsutoday/>

