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## University prepares for budget challenges

President establishes Web site to keep campus informed on budget issues

As you are probably aware, the Governor announced in late December an unallotment of \$20 million each for the University of Minnesota and the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system. Since the announcement, University leadership has continued to carefully monitor information coming from St. Paul pertaining to the current year and projected economic shortfalls in the next biennium.

So far, reductions in the Office of the Chancellor trimmed the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities unallotment figure to about \$16.27 million. As a result, Bemidji State University's share of the unallotment for the current fiscal year is \$588,466. This amount will be removed from the University's budget this month.

On January 27, the Governor is expected to announce his proposal to balance the state's budget for the 2010-11 biennium. The prospect of experiencing further financial reductions is virtually certain. As a result, we will need to be even more strategic in all of our spending decisions going forward as well as in all future investments.

Although it is possible that the gains we have made together since 2001 may be threatened, I believe that we have often made some of our best long-term decisions in times of challenge. Imaginative thinking, along with a sharpened focus, has enabled us to forge forward, giving us an invigorated and renewed sense of purpose.

We must, therefore, build upon the budget realignment experience of 2007 and continue our planning efforts in order to prepare ourselves for a future of more limited resources and increasing expectations.

A University Budget Forum has been scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 4, in Education-Art 115. Two identical sessions are planned – one session from 9-9:45 a.m. and

another from noon-12:45 p.m. Information presented at these sessions will reflect the administration's understanding of the Governor's budget balancing proposals and their implications for the University.

We do not anticipate final legislative or system decisions regarding reductions until late spring or early summer. In the meantime, it is my goal to keep the campus as informed as possible about external developments impacting our future.

In keeping with that goal, I have established a budget-related Web page; you can find the URL in the box below. At this page, we will be posting updated information. In addition, by using the electronic suggestion form at the site, you can share your ideas about reducing expenditures, increasing revenue or accomplishing both at Bemidji State.

As I have noted on a number of occasions, Bemidji State University is not alone in having to address financial challenges; nearly all of higher education nationwide is experiencing the downturn. At Bemidji State, we can be heartened by an enrollment picture that remains positive and by programs that are bustling. I am confident that we, as a University community of very bright and talented colleagues, will successfully find solutions and opportunities to our latest challenge.

### President's Budget Web Page

The President has established a Web page to update the campus community on issues surrounding the University's budget situation. The site includes a feedback form where faculty and staff can submit your ideas for reducing expenditures, increasing revenue, or both. This page will be updated with new information as it becomes available.

- <http://www.bemidjistate.edu/offices/president/budget>



## BSU to pursue membership in WCHA

Announcement follows WCHA vote to end moratorium on expansion

► Complete story available on the Web:

<http://www.bemidjistate.edu/bsutoday/news-updates/2009/01/15/bsu-to-pursue-wcha-membership>

Bemidji State University has announced its intention to formally pursue membership in the Western Collegiate Hockey Association on behalf of its NCAA Division I men's ice hockey program.

The University's announcement followed a unanimous vote of the WCHA membership to lift the league's moratorium on expansion, which had been in place since 1999.

"We are thrilled by the WCHA's decision to lift its moratorium on expansion," Director of Athletics **Dr. Rick Goeb** said. "Bemidji State has expressed its desire to seek

membership in the premier collegiate ice hockey conference in the country, and we now intend to vigorously pursue membership in the WCHA using all the resources we can gather."

"This vote opens the door for us to continue pursuing what has been the ultimate goal of the University and its men's hockey program for over a decade - membership in the WCHA," **President Quistgaard** said.

BSU expects to present its membership application during the WCHA's annual meetings in April.

## Governor Pawlenty mentions BSU grad in address

State of the State address relates Governor's meeting with Gina Drellack

► A complete transcript of Governor Pawlenty's State of the State address is available on the Web:

<http://www.governor.state.mn.us/>

On-line education at Bemidji State University was highlighted by Minnesota Governor **Tim Pawlenty** during his State of the State address from St. Paul on Thursday, Jan. 15.

While talking about the need for education reform at all levels in the state, Pawlenty related the story of BSU graduate Gina Drellack, whom he met when on campus in November to announce his goal that 25 percent of credits generated by MnSCU schools come from on-line courses by 2015.

"A couple of months ago I met Gina Drellack, a mother of two who earned her

degree from Bemidji State University -- online," Pawlenty said during the address. "She was able to take classes at times and places that were convenient to her, including at her kitchen table. It was flexible, modern and efficient.

"As a result, she was able to keep her family as a top priority and maintain employment at the same time. She graduated about a year ago, and credits online learning with helping to transform her life.

"Our higher education story needs to look and sound a lot more like Gina's story."

## University announces decision on track & field

men's indoor & outdoor track and field to remain through at least 2009-10

► Complete story available on the Web:

<http://www.bemidjistate.edu/bsutoday/news-updates/2008/12/12/track-decision>

Bemidji State University Director of Athletics **Dr. Rick Goeb** announced on Dec. 12 that men's varsity intercollegiate indoor and outdoor track and field would continue to be sponsored at the University through the 2009-10 academic year.

In October, the University unveiled a restructuring plan for the Department of Athletics that included, in part, a proposal to discontinue men's indoor and outdoor track and field at the conclusion of the 2008-09 academic year.

Following a comprehensive review of

available options, **President Quistgaard** sought and received input on the original proposal. The University has established an alternative solution that would allow the continuation of men's indoor and outdoor track and field beyond spring 2009.

"The goals that were laid out for the athletic department in the original announcement of our restructuring proposal remain unchanged," Goeb said. "However, based on the feedback we obtained since that announcement, we may be able to achieve those goals in a different manner."

## Campus Notes

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

### College of Arts & Sciences

• On Jan. 2, the college announced the creation of the Department of Humanities, which houses the philosophy, history & art history and theater & communication arts programs. The Department of Humanities will also oversee the humanities program. The Department of Humanities is chaired by **Dr. J. Thomas Murphy**.

• **Dr. Michael C. Morgan**, professor of English, has published a chapter in the newly-released book "Wiki Writing: Collaborative Learning in the College Classroom." His chapter on best practices in writing on a wiki, "Above and Below the Double Line: Refactoring and that Old-Time Revision," draws on his work in the classroom with Bemidji State students and discusses how students collectively refactor their writing from an informal discussion into a structured, multi-authored, linked document. Morgan has been teaching with wikis since 2002. The book is available for purchase at amazon.com.

### College of Business, Technology and Communication

• **Dr. Louis Mengelkoch** was named chair of the Department of Mass Communication through summer 2011.

### College of Health Sciences and Human Ecology

• **Dr. Charles E. Alberti**, professor emeritus of professional education and honors, has been invited to join an interdisciplinary group of approximately 40 scholars at Pembroke College in the University of Oxford, Oxford, England to explore the nature of terrorism. The symposium will take place from March 29-April 3, 2009.

• **Dr. Dan Gartrell** and **Dr. Kathleen Sonsteng** from the Department of Professional Education co-authored an article in the November issue of "Young Children," the journal of the National Association for the Education of Young Children, titled "Nurturing Mastery Motivation: No Need for Rewards." Also co-authoring the article was June Reineke from Winona State University.

• **Steve Sertich**, head women's ice hockey coach, was pictured on the cover of the January edition of "International Journal of Sport Management."

• **Dr. Kathleen Sonsteng**, Department of Professional Education, presented two conference sessions at "Listening and Talking for Family Health: 27th Weekend Workshop for Parents," held Nov. 22 in Bemidji. Her presentation was titled "That's A Family!"

### Student Affairs

• **Margie Giauque**, director of career services, will be serving her second term as a senator for the American Association of Education for Employment in Education (AAEE). She will also be working on the Leadership Development Committee of this association. She has been a member of AAEE since 1985.

#### Vision

Shaping potential. Shaping worlds.

#### Mission

Engage. Embrace. Educate.

As northern Minnesota's university, we **engage** in new worlds of thought, **embrace** responsible citizenship, and **educate** for a future that can only be imagined.

## New rental car information

Enterprise Rental Cars was recently renewed as the contract vendor with the State of Minnesota Risk Management. Every effort should be made to rent using Enterprise. In the event that Enterprise does not have a suitable car available, faculty and staff are able to rent from another agency. As part of the contract with the State of Minnesota, Enterprise has built the cost of insurance into the rates that they charge and everything is taken care of at the time of rental.

If there is a need to rent using a different agency, you must purchase the additional insurance for Loss Damage Waiver (LDW) and Supplemental Liability (SLI). This insurance cost is reimbursable to the employee but it is the employee's responsibility to make sure that the insurance coverage is added at the time of rental. Any personal type insurance (for personal contents for example) is still a non-reimbursable expense.

National Rental Car Agency at the Bemidji Airport has agreed to include the Loss Damage Waiver (LDW) insurance as part of their rate, but is unable to include the Supplemental Liability Insurance (SLI) that is required. If you are using National Rental please be advised that you must purchase this additional SLI insurance.

If faculty or staff are using a rental car (including Enterprise) in another country, all Over-The-Counter insurance that is offered MUST be purchased. Also, the vehicle services office must be notified so they can notify Risk Management. This does include Canada and Mexico.

For more information, contact Marilyn Lanners in the payroll office; [mlanners@bemidjistate.edu](mailto:mlanners@bemidjistate.edu) or at 2902.

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## Personnel News

### New faces and old friends in new places

- **Erika Alin** named adjunct faculty in DLiTE, effective Jan. 23, 2009.
- **Tammi Bertelson** named adjunct faculty in the Center for Extended Learning, effective Jan. 1, 2009.
- **Marc Bloomquist** named adjunct faculty in criminal justice, effective Jan. 12, 2009.
- **Cheryl Christlieb** named accounting clerk-intermittent in the accounting services office, effective Jan. 12, 2008.
- **Gary Eustice** named adjunct faculty in the Center for Extended Learning, effective Jan. 12, 2009.
- **Sally Gibson** named adjunct faculty in DLiTE, effective Dec. 7, 2008.
- **Michael Hiatt** named adjunct faculty in DLiTE, effective Dec. 6, 2008.
- **Diane Illies** named accounting supervisor in the Department of Accounting, effective Dec. 29, 2008.
- **Renee Jesness** named adjunct faculty in DLiTE, effective Jan. 12, 2009.
- **Barbara Kotzer** named adjunct faculty in DLiTE, effective Dec. 7, 2008.
- **Lisa Krall** named adjunct faculty in DLiTE, effective Dec. 7, 2008.
- **Nancy Marcy** named adjunct faculty in DLiTE, effective Dec. 6, 2008.
- **Dennis Montgomery** named adjunct faculty in the Center for Extended Learning, effective Jan. 12, 2009.
- **Marsha Pereira** named adjunct faculty in the Center for Extended Learning, effective Jan. 12, 2009.
- **Rebecca Renniecke** named adjunct faculty in DLiTE, effective Dec. 6, 2008.
- **Donald Rentz** named adjunct faculty in the Center for Extended Learning, effective Jan. 1, 2009.
- **Shelley Robinson** named adjunct faculty in the Center for Extended Learning, effective Jan. 13, 2009.
- **Kerry Ross** named associate director of the Center for Research and Innovation, effective Jan. 7, 2009.
- **Janice Schultz** named adjunct faculty in the Center for Extended Learning, effective Jan. 1, 2009.
- **Annette Smith** named adjunct faculty in DLiTE, effective Dec. 7, 2008.
- **Craig Stevens** named adjunct faculty in the Center for Extended Learning, effective Jan. 15, 2009.
- **George Stowe** named adjunct faculty in the Center for Extended Learning, effective Jan. 12, 2009.
- **Ryan Watson** named adjunct faculty in the Center for Extended Learning, effective Jan. 12, 2009.
- **Miriam White** named adjunct faculty in the Center for Extended Learning, effective Jan. 12, 2009.

## Things to Do on Campus

### Upcoming Events at Bemidji State University

► Complete University events calendar on the Web: <http://www.bemidjistate.edu/calendar>

#### Intercollegiate Athletics

##### Friday, January 16

7:00 p.m. **Indoor Track & Field**  
BSU Multi-Events Gillett Rec & Fitness Ctr.

##### Saturday, January 17

1:00 p.m. **Indoor Track & Field**  
Super 8 Gillett Rec & Fitness Ctr.

##### Friday, January 23

2:07 p.m. **Women's Ice Hockey**  
Ohio State John Glas Fieldhouse

7:35 p.m. **Men's Ice Hockey**  
Niagara John Glas Fieldhouse

##### Saturday, January 24

2:07 p.m. **Women's Ice Hockey**  
Ohio State John Glas Fieldhouse

7:35 p.m. **Men's Ice Hockey**  
Niagara John Glas Fieldhouse

##### Friday, January 30

**Basketball vs Minnesota State**  
6:00 p.m. - women BSU Gymnasium  
8:00 p.m. - men BSU Gymnasium

##### Saturday, Jan. 31

**Basketball vs SW Minnesota State**  
6:00 p.m. - women BSU Gymnasium  
8:00 p.m. - men BSU Gymnasium

#### Lectures & Presentations

##### Wednesday, January 21

noon **Bill Berndt**  
Northern Minnesota Safety Council  
Lockout/tagout safety procedures  
CRI; free

##### Thursday, January 22

6:30 p.m. **Mark Fenton**  
discussing assets and barriers to biking and walking and the benefits of being physically active  
AIRC; free

##### Monday, January 26

3:00 p.m. **Tony Kennedy**  
Nat. Resources Continuing Educ. Consortium  
Minnesota Large Lake Program  
CRI; free

#### Music, Theater & Art

##### through February 10

**Talley Gallery - Paula Swenson**  
"River of Time"

##### Friday, January 16

7:30 p.m. **Opera on DVD presentation**  
Donizetti's "The Daughter of the Regiment"  
Thompson Recital Hall free

##### Saturday, January 24

4:00 p.m. **Honor Band concert**  
Bangsberg Main Theater free