
Absent: D. Bilanovic, C. Bodien, V. Boudry, B. Donovan, M. Meisenheimer

Absent (excused): D. Peterson, K. Robinson

Guests: M. Fulton, B. Hanus, J. Pehler, J. Reynolds, J. Truedson

M. Schmit proposed that the agenda be re-organized to move the curriculum report forward. CARRIED

**Curriculum Report (M. Fulton)**

Curriculum Committee recommended accepting program modifications to the following areas (Curriculum Report VI): Business (BS), Industrial Technology (MS); and also accepting course modifications to Music, and changes to teacher education within Professional Education. Report ACCEPTED.

C. Brown called for the approval of the January Minutes. CARRIED

**President’s Report (C. Brown)**

- The recently created Alternative Delivery Committee has encountered logistical problems, with criticism levied at the balance between program representations. B. McManus put forward the motion that representatives of each of the five constituent committees have one vote on the ADC. CARRIED

- President Quistgaard would like to see more faculty attending athletic events. C. Kippenhan mentioned that this might well also apply to other campus events as well.

- President Quistgaard also would like to see the faculty sponsor a full tuition scholarship. This would cost about $4,000 a year, given current tuition.

**IFO President Pehler**

- There seems to be a strong indifference from both houses of the legislature that the students will likely face a large tuition increase next year.

- The Governor and the House want $25 million cuts from both MnSCU and UM systems. This is coupled with the $22.7 million cut in the last session. This would mean a $47.7 million reduction over 2 years from funding base. The Senate seeks
a $20 million reduction, but not from the base. The conference committee is not currently meeting.
- This would seriously challenge current MnSCU reserves, which currently stand at roughly $46 million in the various institutions. If the $25 million were taken out, MnSCU would be down to about 3 days of operating reserves.
- These reductions may be even more substantial if the legislature cannot agree on one-time spending cuts in other areas.
- Under the plan by the House and the Governor, BSU allocations would be reduced by roughly $851,000.
- From 1987 to present, higher education has gone from 15.7% to under 10% of the state budget. Conversely, health care has risen from 10.6% to 15.9%.
- The loss of work-study and childcare hits the students of the State Universities and the techs especially hard.
- With respect to contract status, both the House and the Governor have taken the position that the contract will not be ratified unless domestic partner benefits are removed. The House will offer a bill this week that ratifies the contract without domestic partner benefits; but that health care benefits for 2003 will continue to be provided for the 46 people who have applied under currently existing terms. This is intended to provide a “soft landing” for those affected.

- Meeting Adjourned at 5:17 pm. Next meeting is February 10.