Delegate Assembly Updates - we will be having a virtual DA this year. It will be held April 16-17 via zoom. Prior to the postponement, delegates have been selected following a call. This current slate of delegates will get priority. Lainie will notify current delegates asking if they are still willing/able to participate. You will need to re-register and a link will be provided.

Meet and Confer Updates

Budget - we currently have budgeted $1.8M in losses of this fiscal year. BSU received approximately $5M in a second round of CARES funding. $1.3M of that must be dedicated to students. There is still uncertainty over the range of opportunities to utilize the remainder of the money.

BESI - The University will not be offering BESIs. This decision was independent of the additional CARES 2.0 funding.

RFP for an enrollment consultant. The RFP is for approximately $250,000 per year for three years. Admissions and Academic Affairs. The problem is that we saw a 38% enrollment decline since 2016. This seeks to remedy that. The goal is for the consultant to send marketing materials to 30,000 - 50,000 high school students, sophomores, juniors, and seniors and to send customized responses based on their engagement. There was also discussion about faculty involvement in reviewing RFP proposals and AA is open to faculty involvement.

Default D2L course shell access window. (Allen)
Student Senators asked President Hensrud if the D2L shells could remain open for several weeks after a course ends. In response, Academic Affairs is proposing that the default student access window in D2L be extended to two weeks beyond the end of the course/semester. This is only a default. Faculty members would remain free to modify the access window as they see fit. Students would like the extended window so that they can review their assignment grades, along with the final course grade.

Joint committee on PDP/PDR process and calendar.
  a. Faculty representatives: One rep from each college and one at large.
  b. Administrative representatives: (tbd)

BSU’s Land Acknowledgement Statement.

We acknowledge that Bemidji State University is located on land and water that is the current and ancestral homeland of the Ojibwe and Dakota. We acknowledge the painful history of genocide, forced assimilation, and efforts to alienate the Indigenous inhabitants from their territory here. We honor and respect the many diverse Indigenous peoples still connected to this land and their retained tribal sovereignty, treaty rights,
and cultural resilience. Indigenous people are spiritual and physical caretakers of this land to which we all belong. Bemidji State University respects these sacred lands, stands with the community members from these Nations, and will fight injustice in all its forms.

Fac-Staff email includes Qualtrics survey link: 10-day response period – 10 February 2021