

Meet and Confer Meeting
August 9, 2000, 2:30 pm

Present: Dr. James Bensen, Mr. Chris Brown, Mr. Rich Gendreau, Mr. Rod Henry, Dr. Charlie O'Connor, Dr. Jon Quistgaard, Dr. Barb Schuldt, Dr. John Truedson, Dr. Rod Witt

1. Enrollment update:
Summer 2000 - credit generation should exceed last summer by approximately 500 credits
Fall 2000 - even with freshmen, up a few transfers, international students (excluding Canadians) on par with last year, PSEO is similar to last year [about 100], grad enrollments thin for fall and having trouble attracting grad assistants, possible problem is the compensation package is not competitive enough
Generated more apps but haven't registered - whys not really known, need closing incentives
Math backlog not as large as projected
Tight in IT and Teachers Ed
Data on the investment in a recruiter in the Twin Cities - comparison of where students are coming from should be available about October 1st
Moorhead runs a gateway program - Dr. Quistgaard will get us additional information about this that we can take to the Senate for discussion, several community colleges have offered to provide remedial courses for us
Requested software update memo was given to Mr. Brown; Al Nohner is knowledgeable about this system and would be the person to contact for supplementary information
2. Corporate University - BSUFA issues include funding [not taking from our funds], academic integrity [courses must follow academic approval process], courses tied to Institutions [forming Institution Associations], and that MnSCU is not doling out credits
Recommendation: this should be brought up at the next statewide M&C meeting with the Chancellor
3. CEL and banded tuition issues:
- CEL students should be treated as ordinary students and be illegible for banded tuition
- Need to revisit the upper limit of 18 credits for the band [tuition rates need to be established in the fall term (early this year) and this would be a time to also look at the band and reinstating the upper limit
- Less term dependent and the need to address the resources needed to do this [scheduling problems with semester dates]
- Need planning and policy about where we are going
Action: Dr. Quistgaard will get data on CEL students effected by the band and about the number of on-campus students taking CEL courses
4. Allocation Model update - hearings coming up and discussions are on-going
Letters stating the issues of a regional university should be sent to the Chair of the Board and the Chancellor
BSUFA expressed concern since that instruction appears to be okay and we want to make sure that instruction [cutting faculty positions] isn't sacrificed to pay for other areas
Action: requested a copy of the State University Presidents' letter to the Chancellor and what the cost is for 1 student
Recommendation: if you attend one of the budget hearings give written copy as well as testifying [hearings are coming up at Fergus Falls and Hibbing, there is no hearing scheduled in a State University town]
5. Co-location update
Requested: draft copies of the academic master plan, pre-building design plan, and the Phase II proposal [this is the number 1 building priority for NTC]
6. American Indian Resource Center - American Indian Architect has been selected [they design Linden]
7. Fall Startup - Mailing of the schedule of events to faculty next week
- Picnic (9-7) - University employees and students on meal plan can attend at no charge; there is a \$5 charge for others to attend
- New Faculty and Staff reception, 5-7 pm, Wednesday 8-29 at the Park House
- Sessions on technology, integrated student records, and developing distance education courses are scheduled, including a discussion on laptop leasing for students
8. Working on returning summer earning earlier - suggestion to give X amount to the department with the understanding that the department must cover any additional expenses or the department can not accept the funds until the expenses are all in, or a cut off date can be scheduled after which expenses can not be submitted
9. Summer School 2001 - issues needed to bring to M&C for discussion
10. Sabbatical/Promotion/Tenure/PDP guidelines distributed
Request: response soon if the dates are acceptable, trying to move the timetable forward to facilitate better planning [scheduling and hiring] without shortchanging any of the steps in the process

11. Request: faculty distribution history
12. Flooding in Decker Hall basement - request mold levels be checked
13. Salary equity grid that was distributed is a floor not a ceiling and BSUFA requests any documentation stating that this be treated differently so that it can be sent downstate
14. How was representation of the search committee for the 2 new computer technicians determined since requests did not go through BSUFA for faculty representation?
15. Need to remember that we have new Senate and planning committees that we need to refer items to starting this fall, a memo will be sent out to all committee members about a retreat as soon as the dates are confirmed
16. Individual [Dr. Seth Beckman, Music] has requested a one year unpaid leave of absence which is requiring a search for a replacement for one year
17. Northwest Technical College is planning on offering their general education courses on the web
18. The Dean's have been given permission to begin again for last years failed searches

Meeting adjourned 4:00 pm

Respectfully submitted by Barbara Schuldt, BSUFA Secretary