

Meet and Confer Meeting
September 13, 2000

Present: Mr. Carl Baer, Dr. James Bensen, Mr. Chris Brown, Mr. Tom Faecke, Mr. Richard Gendreau, Mr. Rod Henry, Dr. Johannas Jorden, Dr. Charlie O'Connor, Dr. Jon Quistgaard, Dr. Barb Schuldt, Dr. John Truedson, Dr. Rod Witt

1. American Indian Resource Center - American Indian Architect has been selected, meet last week and discussed the site and needs of the location, looking at 2 or 3 possible sites to evaluate the architectural, landscape, and cultural issues for each site, no ground breaking when the site is selected but a spiritual ceremony, the committee is using a theme of "reach back and reach beyond" to involve past, present, and future stakeholders in the project

BSUFA noted that faculty will be concerned about the site selection and want to be kept informed.

2. Purchasing of office supplies - process is changing, no longer will BSU get the supplies and store them, now departments will be ordering supplies on-line; departmental credit cards will be used to avoid purchase orders for items not available on-line
3. Physical plant
 - a. Decker - still dealing with flooding aftermath, work order can be sent in to paint the elevator
 - b. Rubber treads in Hagg Sauer are coming off and need to be repaired or replaced
 - c. Lawn repair - temporary road between the library and the lake need to be repaired
 - d. Tunnel connected so that Tamarack is connected to the rest of the campus; hopefully this will be part of the co-location project
4. Event Center (not just a hockey arena) rumors and how it relates to Master facilities planning and priorities set for bonding issues - 3 items will be submitted for the next bonding requests, it should be noted that Bridgeman has been on the bonding requests the longest of any other bonding project, so the strategy is to get items on the list in hopes of bonding in the future. Items to be submitted are:
 - a. \$35 million co-location for the relocation of NTC to BSU (2002)
 - b. \$10.6 million for an event center (2004)
 - c. \$2.5 million to purchase property (2004)

BSUFA restated that we need to have faculty involved in these discussions.

5. Co-location - rumors about the location
RFP has gone out to select an architect. After the architect is on board evaluation of the sites and a decision can be made. Comment was made that the parking issue is always a part of the discussions.

Dr. Quistgaard will be requesting faculty representatives to be meeting with NTC to talk about phase 2.

6. Budget allocation model - Dr. Bensen thanked the IFO and especially Tom Fauchald for the work they put in with the allocation model analysis and testimony - they were noticed, the model is on a fast track (approval in November); issue the costs of instruction at a University compared to the technical and community colleges.

Tuition task force looking at the community colleges charging more tuition and the state universities charging less than per groups across the country.

7. Planning committees - September 22nd a meeting of all members of the committees. Dr. Brian Nedwek, a North Central consultant evaluator who participated in the April self-study visit, will

facilitate the discussions. Need to report to NCA in 2002 what action has been taken

BSUFA noted the need to stress the process of the planning committees reporting back to their constituencies and getting their input.

A common template for proposals from the committees that includes timelines, goals, measurements of success, etc. is being developed.

Minutes from planning committees will be on the web site.

8. Enrollment update:
Freshmen: down or level to last year
Transfers: up
Internationals: 224 target 275
American Indian: 25 new students
Retention: approximately 72%
Graduate: same
Off campus: like last year
Projection: 4203 FTE (slightly better than last year)
Residence halls up 50, requests for single rooms strong
Metro Elem. Ed: 200
George Brown as strong or a little stronger than last year
Arrowhead: stronger
9. Paychecks smoothed out payments, a faculty member has a question about 9-22 paycheck and if we would be getting one
10. Governor Ventura to be in Bemidji Oct. 4th for his get out to vote workshop with 150 invited students

Meeting adjourned 5:00 pm

Respectfully submitted by Barbara Schuldt, BSUFA Secretary