

Meet and Confer
June 26, 2001

1. Enrollment Update: Overall enrollment is up although transfer student numbers are down slightly.
2. Buildings/Facilities Update
 - a. American Indian Resource Center. The center is within budget. Groundbreaking will occur in October.
 - b. Co-location: The project is within budget. Plans progress.
3. Budget/Allocation Update/Government Shutdown: We discussed the recent passage of the higher education bill. 80% of this coming year's budget will be based on the old allocation formula and 20% on the new.
4. Positions:
 - a. President: Jon Q. will be taking over the job of President by the end of the first week in August.
 - b. Academic V.P.: Once fall begins the composition of the committee will be discussed. Once that task is out of the way, the position description will be developed, and a national search will be conducted. At this point it is not certain if there will be any internal candidates for the job. An interim will fill the position until the new person is selected. The interim position has been offered to a BSU person; the person is taking time to consider the offer.
 - c. Administrative VP: V.P. Faecke has been offered a one-year leave of absence. He will let us know by February whether he will or will not return. The interim Administrative VP (Gerald Amble) assured faculty that the funding philosophies will be similar to what we are used to.
 - d. Athletic Director: This position will be filled in approximately one week. The person who fills the position will report to the VP for University Advancement (Carl Baer).
 - e. Faculty Searches:
 - i. The salary grid is proving difficult to apply to those disciplines in which there are well-paying private sector jobs.
 - ii. The list of those hired as adjuncts will be available in the fall. An adjunct faculty handbook is being developed. The administration intends that these handbooks be given to adjuncts along with a copy of their contract.
 - f. Acting Director of the Student Union: This is also an interim position. Assessment and evaluation will help determine the future of this position as it relates to the dimensions of student learning.
5. Conflict Resolution Training. We agreed to look at the St. Cloud model and decide where to go from there. Faculty also requested that guidelines be developed and followed by administrators conducting investigations of faculty behaviors.
6. Promotion and Tenure lists were handed out.
7. Small Business Development Center and the Center for Research and Innovation. The CRI approached the administration last fall with a request to start a small business development center. The understanding is that the center has to be self-sustaining. So far, Dave Kingsbury has raised in excess of \$100,000.

8. Laptop equity across platforms: Several faculty have raised concerns about the disparity of funds spent purchasing the new laptop computers for faculty. Faculty believe that the Macintosh users have been given top line models for their use while the PC users are being forced to work with second tier machines. If a similar amount of money had been spent on the PCs, as was spent on the Macintosh computers, PC users could have gotten a much better computer.
9. Directors and other coordinating assignments policy: Faculty raised questions about chain of command—to whom do these individuals report? Questions were also raised about the lack of a formal evaluation process for persons filling these positions.
10. List of non-IFO individuals teaching “for credit” courses: Faculty put in a second request for this information.
11. Print Shop Update: RFPs were disseminated, and the bids were all too high. As a result, BSU has elected to self-operate a print shop. In all likelihood this will mean a new price list.
12. Fiscal assessment of D1 Hockey: Faculty also made a second request for this fiscal assessment.
13. Summer Calendar: VP Quistgaard asked Bob Griggs to put together a draft for the coming summer. If the administration has to modify the calendar, they will.
14. Summer Compensation and extra work: Faculty asked the administration to check on how faculty members are being compensated for their SOAR work.
15. Summer meet and confers: ????????????????
16. Physical Plant/Money Walk
 - a. Amble asked that when faculty have complaints that they be reported. The problem with heating and cooling in EA had not been reported.
 - b. The leaking in the tunnel. ????????????????????????????????

Respectfully submitted (3 months after the fact)
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