

BSUFA Meet and Confer Notes
October 10, 2001
4:05 p.m.

Administration Members Present: Jon Quistgaard, BSU President; Gerry Amble, Carl Baer, David Larkin

BSUFA Members Present: Chris Brown, Karenlee Alexander, Rich Gendreau, Rod Henry, Jo Jordan, Barb Schuldt, Rod Witt

Enrollment Report:

4,659 current headcount (1.2% increase)
2.3% FTE increase
583 → 705 new freshmen
PSEO BHS 49 → 29 because of grad standards
Transfers 394 → 376

Budget: Same document since beginning of school year, no update. Amble -- Too early to tell impact of strike on budget.

Co-Location: Baer -- Work toward planning.

Groundbreaking between April and May.

Facilities planning going on re Pauline study. Space utilization study group. Formula re square feet/use and utilization. Target year 2005 or 2006 -- The formula indicates we have too much space, but we know better.

Met with Parking Committee -- looking at options and policies, accelerated schedule, and short- and long-term plan.

Reports from curriculum: No curriculum reports at this time. When is the deadline day? Administration will look up

Searches: Can't respond until all potential retirees have responded. Administration is looking at retirements: want to advertise as soon as possible and pursue diversity. October 15 deadline for retirement.

Planning Committees: Brown -- "If this is indeed a shared governance process, it should be shared." Communication needs to be improved. For example, Bob Griggs memo -- only to Dean's. Should have gone to all planning committee co-chairs. Administration will check into this matter. What is Griggs' charge; what is his role? Brown -- "It seems there are secret committees behind the scenes." People planning are not in the loop or on the council. Future: All communication will come from Larkin's office and all the committee co-chairs will be addressed. Bob Griggs' role was to serve as facilitator. Co-chairs are ill-prepared because of lack of communication.

Re Thursday co-chair meeting -- Faculty co-chairs felt left out, and this further alienates faculty. There is no time during the week for all members to meet. Communications must improve. A

time during the week must be chosen when classes will not meet and when committee meetings will be held. How to choose a time is the question. Larkin, Carlson, Brown, and Jordan will look at possible times to recommend committee meeting time for future calendars.

Another concern re planning committee retreat is that the strike may undermine the bridges built. The players are not available from the striking groups. That is a concern. Quistgaard -- There will be many opportunities for input and the reps from those unions will have opportunity.

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Brown -- Request four copies of report. Larkin will send them.

Summer School Schedule: Delegated to BSUFA Academic Affairs for recommendation from Senate.

Difference in Charges between University Council and Executive Council: Executive Council meets with Quistgaard to know his view of strategic planning. This was a meeting of how to plan, not to circumvent the University Council. Meeting dealt with issues not related to planning as much as how Quistgaard views planning. University Council makes recommendations of policy and plans to Executive Council. Larkin -- Perception plays a part. Co-chair means co-chair, not assistant chair.

Strike Concerns: Facilities maintenance -- White boards need to be chemically treated. Daily walk through dorms from administration -- toilets and showers -- clean and leak -- trash stacking up. RAs need to hold more dorm meetings. Use hot lines to give info. Safety and health are the main concerns. Faculty are doing well. Rod Witt says he expects no less from faculty.

Strike plans not public. There is a plan. ITV students -- Bob Griggs -- faculty have been asked to accommodate as well as possible. Refunds may be possible if the strike continues.

Jerry Winans: Should be contacted about questions on finances.

What's the plan if Net goes down? Alternative arrangements are in the plan if problems happen. It's a day-to-day plan, based on priorities. Deans decide priorities.

Money Walk: Tunnel trash -- exposed, rebar -- steps between library and Bridgeman -- on the list for repair. Concerns about elevator in EA.

Larkin reports that the Academic Achievement Conference is coming up. He indicated that Ivy Knoshaug asked that there be a speaker. Mid-April 2002. Begin to plan for it now. Prospective students also come.

The meeting adjourned at 5:14 p.m.