

BSUFA Meet and Confer Notes  
November 7, 2001

Administration Members Present: Jon Quistgaard, David Larkin

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

1. Meeting was called to order 4:10 p.m.
2. Enrollment
  - Larkin passed out the numbers sheet
  - projected FYE [full year equivalent?] enrollment
  - Bemidji is below projection for entire system
  - need to be in the average (Quistgaard would like to see this)
  - we are on the positive side
  - need to keep it up
  - international students are still down – big concern from parents in relation to September 11 (Larkin)
  - need memo from Evonne McKinzie [Larkin gave memo to Forsyth]
3. First-Year Experiences
  - Lib Ed course offered fall and spring to keep freshmen together; various topics related to their college education; at other universities has shown higher retention rates due to this course
4. Budget Allocation
  - MnSCU forecasting of revenue
  - would like to see a new budget update – what does out reserve look like, etc.?
  - summer school profits are not quite done yet
  - dipped into reserves (approx. \$2 million)
  - need to build the reserve up again
  
  - up to 2200 students, we get a set amount of money
  - anything after this we get additional money
  - IFO would like total compensation reports for faculty salaries from 1990 to 1996
  
  - Quistgaard – potential shortfall for MnSCU
  - report came out indicating approx. \$1 billion deficit for biennium
  - if this is true, burden could be placed on students; increase in tuition/fees
  
  - Carl Baer was to bring a report to next Meet & Confer regarding DI hockey
5. Co-Location
  - how will we handle the debt service?
  
  - Quistgaard – debt load will be shared
  - doesn't believe all areas of co-location and debt service have been fully thought out
  - IT and Nursing are growing, and co-location could help these programs and others

-- ice hockey arena is not on MnSCU's list of supportive projects

## 6. Search Update

-- faculty would like to know Faeke's status  
-- he will not be coming back  
-- national search will be conducted

-- VP Search – faculty would like five reps on this committee  
-- currently at four  
-- another bargaining unit is requesting additional  
-- students would like more  
-- if we raise one, then need to raise numbers across the board  
-- search descriptions extending additional service expectations  
-- will be included on all search descriptions – faculty should anticipate  
    -- interdisciplinary learning  
    -- distant learning  
-- Deans Council made this decision  
-- Quistgaard indicates he would send us [Executive Committee?] a copy  
-- we expressed our displeasure  
-- Quistgaard indicated three were procedures for resolving our disagreement

## 7. Planning Committees

-- action vs. planning  
-- when policies are acted on vs. when they should be planned  
-- items need to be placed in appropriate categories

## 8. President's Designee

-- Larkin is in charge when Quistgaard is not  
-- then Gerry Amble is in charge

## 9. Computer Training and Support

-- example: faculty member wanted to install Linux, then was told the University does not support Linux, even though the information requested was general information about the laptop hardware.

-- other concerns were raised by BSUFA  
-- Quistgaard and Larkin suggested setting up a meeting with Amble to discuss our concerns

## 10. Super Lab

-- customer policies and procedures for fall semester 2000  
-- another examples of policy being made without accountability to academics

## 11. Handicapped Access

-- supposedly fixed last year; problem has arisen again  
-- snow was piled by the ramp and door that are handicapped access

## 12. Summer School Profits

-- will be coming forward soon – by December 15, 2001

13. Student Teacher Supervision

-- Larkin will look into the annual request

14. Parking

-- committee reps are having a difficult time meeting during fall semester

-- how are parking changes implemented

15. Other

-- summer school calendar

-- 2002-03 draft has been approved by all bargaining units

Meeting was adjourned 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Eric Forsyth