

23 January 2002

Meet & Confer

Present: Chris Brown, Barb Schuldt, Rod Henry, Rich Gendreau, Dave Larkin, Carl Baer, Jauneth Skinner, Rod Witt, Jon Quistgaard, Gerry Amble

Quistgaard (reporting for Drexel who is having knee surgery):
Enrollment Update: off campus enrollment numbers not in yet

Residential life is up about 200 heads in the residence halls (over last year).

Fall enrollment: up slightly on applications compared to last year
We have about 10 new international students.

Brown: Budget and Allocation
Discussion of bargaining unit recommendations.

Larkin: We discussed the guiding principles with other bargaining units to make the document clearer or improvement of language.

Henry: We assume the IFO recommendations will be included because Senate was real earnest about them

Brown: Are you contemplating retrenchment?

Amble: No

Brown: Are you contemplating reassignments?

Larkin: No

Brown: Does anyone have MnSCU's scenarios for BSU to comply with?
Amble provided copies of MnSCU's "scenarios". Discussion followed.

Quistgaard: There is a request for budget reduction options of 5% and 10% in the current biennium (totaling \$32 million and \$64 million of state appropriation in FY 2003). We are on the MnSCU watchlist.

We need to engage in discussions with students too so they know where we are at and we need a rough estimate so we can package our financial aid and get it out there.

Brown: We would like a listing of any and all consultants hired by BSU and a COMPLETE employee roster, by bargaining unit. We need a current one and one from 5 years ago.

Henry: Our budget committee wants to look at this.

Amble: There is no roster for those expendituresŠ those are different budgets and not out of only one account.

Henry: MnSCU does W-2's so we should be able to track them down.

Brown: HR office says we have 360 facultyŠ where are these folks? Who are they???

Amble: There is a group of 218's - adjunct and part timers who teach 5 credits or less a year or work less than 67 days a year, and emergency appointments - these are paid for by the departments.

Henry: All this info is public information. We should be able to get it.
Discussion followed.

Brown: Searches: What is the status on faculty searches and positions? Where are they?

Larkin: The new Interim Director for the American Indian Resource CenterŠ is Shirley McCain. Lenny Ross is on leave, says he will come back by Feb. 15th - but he is not obligated to return until July 1. If Lenny does not return we immediately start a search for the permanent position.

Faculty searches all out there and moving forward.

Brown: Are there new ones from negotiations for IFO Travel Funds?

Amble and Larkin: No changes, this is a contract issue.

Brown: What about the load issue? Is 21 hours a full loadŠ ? Or 24? Downstate?

Larkin: You start at 24 and negotiate down and that is between you and your dean.

Money Walk? Physical Plant

Brown: What about the Campus Drought? I hear complaints from students about the water saving activity.

Amble: We entered into a contract with OTESCO to save waterŠ we retrofittedŠ The Annual savings will be about \$68,000 a yearŠ with a big savings of water too - 8 million gals a year.

Emergency Plan:

Amble: MnSCU needed to have an Emergency Plan - a Living Document since 9/11 Also to campus community - some training sessions by area, etc. Attachment of things that are fall out from 911 stuff. This is a DRAFT only.

Child Care Center

Amble: Little Dog Laughing is an incorporated operator now but their contract expires June 30th. They pay rent to residential life for their space. We want it to be a self operating place. It is a good place for students in early childhood development programsŠ etc.

Henry: 1) Is this self sustaining? After hearing about Division 1 Hockey and then the CRI, and now that is not happening. I am nervous about it. Can we see numbers before we make a decision? See numbers and some kind of commitment?

Quistgaard: It will be self sustaining beyond what we are already allocating? there are about 70 children in their center.

Witt: Are we obligation to run this? Because of this type of dorm?

Larkin: It is a recruitment tool? it is important.

Baer: There are benefits? to our university? to our students.

Amble will bring back a report on this.

NCA Progress Report:

Larkin: As things develop you can read about them on the web site.

Larkin: Intellectual Property Agreement . There are some implications for contract? copies will be distributed.

Brown: Who is establishing Computer Standards?

Larkin: We will report back on this issue.

Amble: Budget has not changed? staying on the same allocation numbers? nothing has changed? but there is no new contract yet.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Jauneth Skinner, Secretary