

Meet & Confer
13 February 2002

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

Enrollment update

Quistgaard: Freshman enrollments similar to last year at this time. International student enrollments are down.

Building: With new building projects going forward on campus, parking will become a very big problem. American Indian Resource Center architects have final documents. Amble reported we expect to break ground in spring and follow a year construction schedule. Construction for the Center for Advanced and Emerging Technologies will begin soon. Discussion about the parking committee's charge followed the report. Many concerns were expressed about this problem, especially concerns about unrestricted parking privileges. Quistgaard reported having discussions with the mayor about parking problems.

Quistgaard provided the BSUFA with print outs on the fiscal year 2002 budget. These will go to the Budget Committee.

Witt: When last we talked, we talked about our reserve that McSCU mandates.

Amble: Our reserve is what we pledge to them.... \$167 million is what they would like us to keep. MnSCU wants us to pledge another \$767,000 for next year.

Quistgaard commented that the gender equity litigation was an addition expense of \$564,000.

Brown: In this budget crisis, are we restructuring the university?

Quistgaard: No, not at this time.

Brown: Are we contemplating retrenchment?

Quistgaard: No, not at this time.

Brown: Kudos and thanks for doing the budget update session this week. Very helpful. We were pleased you did the open forum for the university.

Report on the Vice President for Academic Affairs Search

Larkin: The search committee is getting ready to review the applicants. We are pleased with the response.

Brown: Are all other faculty searches are moving forward?

Larkin: Yes.

He continued with a report on faculty searches which have been approved (Industrial Technology and Coordinator of Academic Services for Upward Bound). Discussion of the Upward Bound position followed. Brown expressed concern that IFO positions are being converted to MSUAF positions.

Quistgaard: These positions go down state... they are sent down there neutral and then classified by MnSCU.

Brown: We prefer to see it remain an IFO position... we don't like to see our faculty unit eroded. A discussion of IFO members reporting to MUSAF supervisors followed. BUSFA expressed concern about this situation.

Concerns were raised about the EDC Director and vacancy notice. Quistgaard indicated that this position will be reviewed by McSCU and classified by them.

Larkin: We need to get the university plan in place.

Larkin: Liaoning University President was given a draft of an agreement... we are moving to sign a new five year agreement with them.

Baer: The internationalization of BSU... we are doing well... compared to other institutions of this size. I am very impressed with it.

Upward Bound Senior Students: Greer wants to put them into our classes, to allow them to sit in and observe. Most of them go to Moorhead State. Let's get them into some classes so they can experience college life at BSU.

Discussion followed. It was decided that Greer will contact individual professors and ask to them to let high school seniors visit their classes. It is voluntary, and up to individual professors to participate if they like.

Overload Forms

Brown: There have been delays with overload forms and payment. How can we get these through the deans and out to the faculty a.s.a.p. so they can get paid? Action: Larkin will make sure the deans expedite this process.

Guiding Principles

Brown: We await your response.

Quistgaard: You have my response. Here it is... he indicated the president's newsletter. I will provide clarification of guiding principles as we go along.

He indicated that this was the fourth Meet and Confer where the topic of Guiding Principles was discussed.

Assessment Coordinators

Larkin: These positions are important, and the IFO will assist in getting the application forms out in a faculty wide call. All are eligible to apply for these positions and the necessary reassignment time required by such service to the university.

Action: Applications will be sent out through the deans.

Discussion of the University of Minnesota - Crookston's co-location programs. Years ago we had an agreement that we would not duplicate each other's programs. This was followed by a discussion of the University of Minnesota - Duluth and their programs in technology, nursing, and the sciences. A question was raised about what consultation occurs between MnSCU about duplications of programs. Baer will be meeting with the legislators this month. Action: Baer will inquire about this.

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Jauneth Skinner, secretary BSUFA