

Meet & Confer

October 9, 2002

Present: C. Baer, C. Brown, T. Fauchald, J. Fredrickson, R. Gendreau, R. Henry, J. Quistgaard, R. Westhoff

1. Enrollment Update – Baer

Head Count 5.4 ↑ 5.4% ↑
FTE 2.0 ↑ 2.0% ↑

2. Building – Baer

AIRC walls are going up
Phase I of co-location construction to begin in spring

3. Budget

Henry – Contemplating layoffs of tenured and probationary faculty?
Quistgaard – Not a this time.
Henry – Considering not filling positions as retrenchment?
Fredrickson – Do not accept this interpretation.

4. Co-Location Update

No decisions on structural arrangements with NWT
Would like feedback regarding strengths, concerns
Must take long-term view of how relationship (if any) between the two will evolve: what can we do to benefit both institutions and the needs of northern Minnesota
Techs not vocational – some grant AAs currently:
-- 25-30 NWT students in halls
-- Rec Center
-- credits generated
Quistgaard – BSU is the only institution providing Lib Ed to NW Tech. Other tech schools offer lib eds, at cheaper price than four-year schools.
No decisions on structural arrangements have been made. Would like to have some recommendations before the chancellor by January.

5. Legislative Update

Brown – What is being done by MnSCU to insulate from effects of budget deficits?
Quistgaard – MnSCU must be aggressive, especially with respect to vouchers and private schools. Dialog at levels of system, governors, potential governors, and other decision makers.
Baer – Alumni also being brought on board.
Quistgaard – MnSCU better coordinated than in years past, but cannot ignore realities.

6. Searches/ Position Update

Quistgaard – Regarding Administrative VP position, we are examining options re a national search that will likely result in a VP of Finance and Administration.
Brown – Accountable to Senior VP?

Quistgaard – In his absence, Fredrickson is in charge.
Fauchald – Need to go back to issue of Administrative VP and two managers.
Fredrickson – Deans will be coming in this week to report: 1) failed searches; 2) other vacancies; 3) next round will deal with new searches.
Baer – Searches for Executive Foundation Director, Athletic Fund Raiser, Director of Prospect Research. All these funded externally.
Quistgaard – VP for Finance

Responsibilities

Assess priorities?
Nature of needs (physical plant, building, and bonding)
System advocacy
National best practices policy
Strategic decision making

Experience/Background

Financial policy setting and management
Business Office
Financial Aid
Human Resources
Safety & Security
Building projects

7. Timelines

8. E-mail

Brown – Still problems exist.
Quistgaard – Alert Amble.

9. Smoking Resolution

Brown – Senate supports students' resolution

10. Chair Extra Duty Days

11. On-Line Services

Brown – According to new contract, may be purchased with travel funds
Fredrickson – No currently MnSCU's interpretation
Quistgaard – Take under advisement for MnSCU interpretation

12. Total Compensation Report

Brown – Want breakout for areas beyond a base salary
Quistgaard – Will do ASAP.

13. J Term

Henry – Grievance regarding J-terms will be brought forward.

14. Travel Pay

Brown – Representatives on MnSCU committees, who pays?

Fredrickson – IFO functions, MnSCU functions picked by appropriate agencies.
Professional meetings will be negotiated.

15. Overload Calculation

Brown – How are other campuses handling this?

Henry – Will there be change – if in midstream, can we change schedules?

Fredrickson – Will seek consistency – is this not what is wanted?

16. Plus/Minus Grading

Brown – Recommended by Senate four years ago.

Quistgaard/Fredrickson – Speak to Dave Carlson.

17. Physical Plant

Brown – Stress fractures in concrete.

Quistgaard – Will be looked into.

18. Curriculum Process and Timelines

Brown – Curriculum Committee

19. Bureau of Mediation Services re Center for Research and Innovation and TRIO

20. Academic Integrity Policy

Brown – MnSCU response to BSU Academic Integrity Committee policy?

Fredrickson – AIC knew of consultations with MnSCU? Check for MnSCU reaction. If there are MnSCU suggestions, will go back to Senate/AIC.

21. Reassigned Time

Fredrickson – Provided list of reassigned time for three divisions: chairs, colleges, and University-wide focus.

22. Fond du Lac

Wish to provide four-year degree in education.

Fredrickson – BUS has not taken a position favoring this, but not opposed in principle.

Quistgaard – They have a right as a tribal college.

Gendreau – Education only a start.

Baer – Role of American Indian Center as bridge to tribal colleges. How to protect BSU interests while being good partners.

Henry – It is insane for us to support two-year institutions offering four-year degrees.

23. Summer School

July 4 is off, so the first session ends July 3, and the second session begins July 7.

24. Questionnaire

Discussions took place about Liberal Education questionnaire (the AA questionnaire was used as an example). The IFO stated that the survey needs to go to Meet & Confer.

25. Double Meet & Confer

Experimental one-year trial period.

26. Draft Plan

Draft Plan was passed out. Concerns were expressed about timelines.

26. Heating Plant

Concerns with teaching.

27. Administrators Teaching

Union response “as per contract.” Approved by Quistgaard.