

## **Meet & Confer Notes**

### **2/12/03**

Present: Chris Brown, Eric Forsyth, Rich Gendreau, Rod Henry, Randy Westhoff, Rod Witt, Jerry Amble, JoAnn Fredrickson, Jon Quistgaard

#### **ENROLLMENT**

Enrollment is up 3.3% FTE, 6.5% in head count. We should meet our enrollment projections. Next fall's numbers are encouraging; this seems to be a system-wide trend. The administration is particularly concerned about the Native American enrollment, which has declined in recent years. The growth of the local tribal colleges and recent budget cuts have contributed to this decline.

#### **BUILDINGS/FACILITIES UPDATE**

-- C. Brown complimented the administration for their efforts in keeping walkways clear this winter.

-- There does not seem to be much support for an event center – it is not on MnSCU's list. J. Quistgaard indicated this is not one of the university's top priorities. Doug Fuller is pursuing this in the legislature.

--The university brought two proposals to the school board concerning the old high school site. One was a long-term lease (8-10 years) for shared use of some of the sports fields. The second was the construction of student apartments on the site. This could include married student housing. The foundation is being asked to consider being involved with this project.

-- J. Fredrickson reported that the Bridgeman Hall expansion will decrease the amount of available parking in that area of campus, but the loss will not be as great as some have feared. The administration is actively assessing several parking options.

#### **NWT UPDATE**

J. Quistgaard reported that each NWT campus will have a provost. The presidents will form a "leadership council."

#### **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

J. Quistgaard reported on our concerns about the current legislative session. The support for higher education appears to be rather soft. Public perception is that higher education is overfunded and professors make much more than they do.

#### **SEARCHES/POSITION**

Position description for Administrative VP position has been drafted. The search committee will have an opportunity to provide input. J. Quistgaard indicated there is no hiring freeze at this time, but hiring is being carefully scrutinized.

#### **FACULTY PAY**

C. Brown restated the IFO's position that faculty are not hourly employees and cannot be paid for partial days.

## ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

J. Amble indicated the process is moving along and will be finished within 30 days.

## PRESIDENT'S LIST

C. Brown reported the Faculty Senate's support of the creation of a President's List.

## +/- GRADING

C. Brown reported the Faculty Senate's support of +/- grading and the Senate's work with Dave Carlson. J. Fredrickson reported that the Student Senate does not support +/- grading.

## FOND DU LAC

Legislation is being written and proposed to allow Fond du Lac to offer four-year baccalaureate degrees in elementary education. The chancellor has indicated he wants to tighten up the language so that other two-year institutions are unable to offer four-year degrees.

## NOEL-LEVITZ PLUS

BSU is being required by MnSCU to give a survey on harassment and discrimination. J. Quistgaard has edited the questions and wants to include them in the Noel-Levitz survey. Further, he is requesting to give an educational participation survey. The administration wishes to administer the survey on March 19 in selected classes.

## CRI

R. Gendreau expressed the BSUFA's concerns about the CRI offering "mini-MBA's." The administration will return with a response.

## FACULTY ACTIVE LEARNING ADVOCATE

MnSCU is asking for faculty to participate in this program. They did not notify the BSUFA.

## ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS (Some items were discussed under BSUFA topics above.)

13) Academic Integrity Policy – J. Fredrickson reported the policy will be implemented next fall.

14) Ad Hoc Committees – J. Fredrickson requested an interpretation of "open meetings." R. Henry stated that meetings would be open to BSUFA faculty, and others could attend if invited.

16) Accreditation of Online Programs – J. Fredrickson reported that the university is seeking accreditation for online programs so that they can be offered to students outside of Minnesota. This requires special accreditation from the Higher Education Learning Commission.

18) NCA Monitoring Report – J. Quistgaard reported that NCA has accepted our monitoring report and will not require a site visit until 2010.

19) IPED's Position History – J. Fredrickson provided a report to the BSUFA.

20) Experimental Course Proposal Form – J. Fredrickson presented a proposed form to the BSUFA.

21) Summer Meet & Confers – J. Fredrickson requested that the BSUFA be available for Meet & Confers in the summer. The BSUFA will take this request back to the Senate and Executive Committee.

#### BUDGET

-- Article 23? Not at this time.

-- J. Quistgaard: MnSCU could be looking at a 75-150 million dollar cut. BSU's cut would be 3-6 million. Decisions about last year's Summer School earnings will be made soon. The administration is considering a number of options to reduce spending next year (see attached).

-- Restructuring – The administration is contemplating restructuring athletics and PEHS. Discussion of putting these into separate administrative units is taking place. Coaches with teaching duties would be a part of both units.

-- Consultant – A consultant has been hired to look at BSU's allocation of funds to cost centers and compare them to similar institutions.