

Meet & Confer Notes for June 5, 2003

Present: Jerry Amble, Chris Brown, Tom Fauchald, Eric Forsyth, JoAnn Fredrickson, Jon Quistgaard, Rod Witt

Enrollment Update

Fall semester looks favorable: 725 freshman applications, 385 transfer applications, and returning students are where we should be, and summer sessions are up 9.9%.

Buildings / Facilities Update

BSU has put in a bid of \$1.9 million from the foundation to tear down the old high school, with a proposal to build apartment buildings. As a result, some of our residential halls would be torn down.

The AIRC is coming along real well and is on schedule. Many events are scheduled for opening week (e.g., pow-wow, educational speakers, native American women).

Received \$1,000,000 to redesign industrial tech and nursing facilities. The total construction costs will be approximately \$10,000,000 for industrial tech facilities and \$5,000,000 for nursing facilities.

Architects are currently studying the design for Bridgeman Hall, and bids will be coming forward soon. Plan is to start construction in September; however, this looks unlikely at this point. Total cost is approximately \$5,000,000.

Sattgast Hall and the Field House are currently at the pre-design stage.

Budget / Allocation Update

The possible increase in tuition for the next 2 years does not appear to be scaring off students, as they seem to be in full support with an array of course, program and activity offerings – currently looking at a 14.7 % increase for 2003-2004, and a 15% increase for 2004-2005. There is a June Board meeting scheduled to discuss the increases in tuition. Every percent increase in tuition amounts to approximately \$145,000 additional monies to the university.

The administration is concerned about graduate tuition. BSU's is relatively high in comparison to other institutions in the system.

Consultant's Report

The consultant has completed the review of the university. The report covers all instructional and non-instructional functions of the university. The administration is

currently reviewing the report and will present it during fall start-up. The report includes a peer group of three institutions that consist of collective bargaining units similar to BSU.

NTC Update

They are proposing a tuition increase of 13% for 2003-2004 and 15% for 2004-2005. Information has been exchanged regarding the alignment of BSU and NWT. NWT will be the only college in the system retaining its current name. For the next year only NWT training will stay as it is currently; however, not sure what will happen in the following years. NW System has a good reserve; however, NWT-Bemidji does not.

Currently there is no arrangement regarding who will teach upper division courses offered through Fond du Lac; 2 year versus 4 year faculty associations.

Legislative Update

Continuing to work on bringing the Native American Scholarship back to Bemidji.

Searches

AIRC has a resignation and is currently looking for a new hire

The following are campus searches that were successful:

- Professional Education; 1 FT and 1 probationary
- CIS in Business; 2 probationary
- Computer Science; 1 FT
- Sociology; 1 probationary
- Criminal Justice; 1 probationary
- Industrial Technology; 1 probationary

In-progress search for a probationary appointment in Industrial Technology

Failed search in Spanish

VP search will begin in June

President Quistgaard indicated that he would like to see a more diverse pool in all searches; gender, race, etc.

Merit Pay

Seems to be a private issue for non-faculty, other bargaining units, but not private for faculty. The IFO would like to receive copies of contracts for staff receiving merit pay stating the criteria for contracts.

Overtime

An issue was raised regarding administrators (unclassified) who are being paid to teach according to their contract. Administrators are allowed to teach as long as it does not interfere with their assigned administrative responsibilities.

Accountability Measures

President Quistgaard provided a report to Chris Brown.

Promotion / Tenure / Leave

President Quistgaard provide a report to Chris Brown.

Calendar

There is no set decision regarding the 2004-2006 academic calendars. President Quistgaard presented a tentative calendar for M & C meetings for next year.

Duty Days

Nine-month contract includes 168 duty days; any days beyond that are considered extra. There seems to be a limit of 224 days: 168 duty days plus 56 extra duty days allowed. Vice President Fredrickson will check into what the law states and the rationale.

Coaches Compensation

The BSUFA would still like to receive compensation report for coaches.

Student Involvement

Student involvement report will be provided by Vice President Fredrickson. The report is available at <http://www.mnscu.edu/policies/procedures/23pl.html> -- Policy 2.3 & Procedure 2.3.1.

Question was raised whether anyone can attend committee meetings, such as the Curriculum, Liberal Education, and Graduate Committees. Also, are students allowed to attend committee meetings? The Executive Committee will bring the issue to the Senate for discussion and report back.

FYE Course

Currently working on rules for exemption for applicable students; military, etc.