

4:05 PM Meeting began.

Present: Quistgaard, Maki, Larkin, Fauchald, Dunn, Milowski, Weaver, Witt

1. President Quistgaard announced plans to send a letter to BSU students and parents about expectations of responsible student behavior in social situations. He will tell them that BSU will provide a responsible student environment.

Discussion followed.

R. Witt reported on faculty reactions to the new university “signature areas and areas of distinction.”

His conversations with faculty resulted in three main reactions.

1. Some faculty don't see those areas relating to them directly. Instead, they are more of an administrative concern.
2. Some faculty like the ideas.
3. Some are concerned as to how these ideas will bring people to the university at this time.

Quistgaard thanked Witt for the information and added that these must be seen in the broadest context and the campus will work together to define them.

Milowski asked if the deans have been given leeway to expand on these areas.

Quistgaard responded that he couldn't comment on the deans' discussions with Provost Fredrickson and he would take it up after speaking to her.

3. Milowski asked for an update on the request at the last meeting for a reinforcement of the TH schedule without any discrepancies.

Quistgaard replied that the Provost has worked with the deans to address any exceptions to this schedule.

4. Larkin reported that both the Executive board and the Senate have had discussions of IFO Article 21 on fixed term appointments. It was agreed that with the renewal of a fixed term appointment, the departments should write a letter of explanation. This letter will act as an accurate record-keeping process.

5. Dunn expressed faculty concern about library closing between semesters. Faculty need to do research during that time.

Quistgaard said that a special arrangement can be made for faculty to use the library, but they can't expect the same service as during break. He will look into this arrangement.

6. Safety and Security

Dunn offered her thanks for the Slow signs put up on the street between AIRC and Bridgeman Hall, and she asked about speed bumps.

VP Maki said speed bumps will go in after Spring Semester.

Dunn also expressed faculty concerns about lack of outdoor lighting around Bridgeman as well as concerns about light pollution when lights are added.

Maki will explore this particular need for lighting. He added that the surveillance camera in that area will also be relocated.

Witt asked about removing the “blast barrier” between the library and Ed. Arts. Building. Maki will look into it.

Maki is also looking at faculty ID badges that can serve as keys.

7. Retention

Dunn asked if a plan is being made for improving retention.

She also asked where are we with the advising center.

She added that there is a lot of faculty concern. Faculty feel that they are central to this issue.

Quistgaard said that Fredrickson is doing research and collecting data on this.

Administration is also looking at the larger issue and will have a consultant do a university-wide investigation of student growth and development. In addition, retention and graduation rates will be focused on more closely.

Discussion followed.

8. Calendar update

Milowski asked of news on streamlining all the groups working on the calendar.

Quistgaard said progress is being made. Fredrickson will report on it soon.

Milowski handed out proposed 2005-06 state university calendars from State Board meeting. She proposed that BSU get more in line with the other university calendars.

9. Role of the Web Advisory Group

Larkin reported that this is a very hot topic, and the Senate had instructed him to express its concerns. WAG committee feels excluded in decision-making.

Quistgaard said that Fredrickson wants to be present for further discussion.

10. Larkin asked for enrollment update,

Quistgaard responded that they were still struggling with the headcount. He added that it is too early to predict numbers for next fall. Also, right now many universities are down dramatically in freshman applications. BSU applications are steady but transfers are down.

11. Budget update.

Fauchald noted VP Maki made a good presentation at recent BRAC meeting.

Maki mentioned that the campus budget forums were scheduled for tomorrow.

Maki passed out budget scenarios for 06 and 07.

Discussion followed.

12. BSUFA search committee members for CIO position

Larkin reported that the IFO members are William Brauer and Pat Rogers

13. BSUFA positions to be advertised

Quistgaard handed out a list of searches for 2004-05.

15. Weather alert information

Maki reminded us that BSU information is different from other state agencies.

The information will now be posted on BSUs website.

“Closed” means that no one attends.

“Cancelled” means that staff attends.

16. High School property update.

Quistgaard confirmed that we are in the process of acquiring the HS property from District 31. The proposal is to locate BSU’s division one hockey arena and a multipurpose event center there. Step 1 is to acquire the property by borrowing money from the BSU foundation. We are pursuing several avenues for paying down the loan. Discussion followed.

17. Wireless Infrastructure for Campus

Quistgaard reported that the Planning committee proposal CTRLR .01 is to be reviewed by the Executive committee who will responded to it.

18. MNSCU policy on fraudulent and other dishonest acts.

Maki said that issues concerning this policy do come up fairly often, i.e., appropriate use of state resources, etc.

19. Maki is working on a draft document on guidelines for prioritizing BSU capital projects. He would like some feedback.

The state asks us to make a fifty-year plan for this, and we have been asked for a representative to work on this.

20. Quistgaard reminded us that tonight BSU will be recognizing and thanking Joe Lueken for providing a new gym floor.

Meeting Adjourned 5:40 PM

Rosalie Weaver, Recorder

