

## BSUFA Meet and Confer

Date: February 27, 2008

Present: Marty Wolf, Jon Quistgaard, Bob Griggs, Debra Peterson, Elizabeth Dunn, Susan Hauser, Joann Fredrickson, Bill Maki, Kathy Meyer, Marsha Driscoll

The Senate request for an additional representative on the **Futures Council** was approved.

**Departmental Reconstitution** proposals were reviewed. This includes four recommendations to create new departments from a variety of small departments. These changes will be assessed. The committee will take these to Senate and we give a response to the Provost working 10 working days.

The **Meet and Confer alternate date** of March 26<sup>th</sup> will be used for discussion of the final college reorganization recommendation. That will give us enough time to take the recommendation to Senate and back to Meet and Confer in April.

The Department of Business Administration is proposing to offer the last year of a degree program on site at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia at HELP University. This will require BSU to make a “**change request**” to the **Higher Learning Commission**. Last fall we received permission from the Malaysian government for the program. We have moved forward with MnSCU. Now we are ready to ask for HLC to make changes. We have asked for the HLC change request to review. VP Griggs will get it for us.

**Data Book Committee** members names given to the administration. Derek Webb, Lorraine Boyle, Randy Westhoff, Elizabeth Dunn, Jeanine Gangeness, Pat Welle. They will work with the provost and the deans to determine what needs to be added to the data book.

VP Bill Maki discussed the administration’s desire to **recognize the service of employees** as well as faculty. In the past, with staff, recognition occurred only at 20 years. HR has been working on a recognition event to celebrate service at 5 year increments. This will be consistent with state regulations.

### **Questions from Senate clarifying athletic budget:**

- 1) What does self-insured mean? This is only for student athletes. In the past the university had taken out a policy that was supposed to be a secondary coverage policy. The cost of that policy had crept up to \$150,000 per year. We are still requiring students to have a primary policy of their own, but we are managing our own initial payout (a deductible of approx. \$50,000) after which a “catastrophic” policy through NCAA kicks in to pay larger claims. We can even hire an additional trainer and still save us about \$50,000/ year.
- 2) How is the savings on the Events Center lease related to the budget agreement cuts of \$750,000? The lease was originally estimated at \$210,000 and now is \$100,000. The

\$210,000 was part of the original budget proposal. VP Maki will send us the numbers on this and will visit Senate to answer questions if invited.

Adjournment.

Submitted by Marsha Driscoll