

BSUFA Meet and Confer Notes
Feb 16 2009
9:00 AM

Attending: Cutler, Peterson, Ueland, Erickson, Quistgaard, Brown, Wolf, McManus, Morgan (recorder)

Erickson presented a memo for College Reorganization:

- to move Physics from CBTE to CAS as a first step in finding a partner department for the Physics program
- to move the Speech position from Theatre'/Communications (now in Humanities) to English.

Erickson: Physics, Chemistry and Social Work all have fewer than five members are not being represented. The next step will be to *look at* the three majors *identified in restructuring* [Econ, German, Theatre] *for consideration as* minors.

The proposal was open to discussion.

Cutler: What departments are we looking at for Physics?

Erickson: Social Work, CJ, and Chemistry. I'm meeting with chemistry. The reasons for this change are to foster collaboration, and for fairness. Other departments were asked to find and found partners. So can Physics. I'm determined to finish these issues.

Brown: We always thought that restructuring was a work in progress. Is this a statement that this memo is the goal? Will there be room for further modification?

Erickson: We're not going to throw the three colleges back in the pot. From my standpoint, finding partners for these three departments is the end.

Peterson: What's the timeline for moving the other three programs *that are being considered for movement*?

Erickson: I'd like to see them finished by end of spring. But I don't want the discussions to go away.

Brown: There may be need for options we haven't thought of, given the state of economy.

Ueland: The contract states that you can structure once a year.

Erickson: This is it.

Quistgaard: We could reach a MOA to consider later dates and changes.

Cutler: What are the three programs *being considered for movement* from majors to minors?

Erickson: Econ, German, Theatre.

Administration left at 9:20 am.

The Exec met briefly for information on contract negotiations, all-faculty meetings on the proposed contract, and the called-for 10% cut from departments. Brown announced that we would discuss the VP's memo for response at exec, Weds, 18 Feb, 3:00. We will have to call a Senate meeting for 23 Feb. to discuss contract and cuts.

As for the 10% cut:

Brown: The first place we go for advice is the contract. Follow the rules. Southwest has indicated that all contractual reassign time is gone. We may need to postpone things like outside assessment to save money right now. Even small amounts will add up. But follow the rules.

Adjourned 9:40

Submitted, M C Morgan