

BSUFA Meet and Confer Notes
28 Oct 2009
4:00 pm

Leif, Erickson, Cutler, Griggs, Webb, Smith, Marek, Maki, Brown, Ueland, Morgan, Q

Originally scheduled for 17 Oct, this M&C was moved move to alt date 28 Oct 4:30

Calendar

Concerns on academic year and summer calendar -

Bob: Summer dates are being scheduled. More of a trend to start summer in May 5/18 - Aug 14. SWest - May 11 - July 24th Metro runs courses all the time.

Chris: We have issues with PSEO and HS teachers still in classes. We can't get them in grad classes

Bob: Maybe staggered schedules?

Chris: You run into course conflicts.

B: We'll have a substantive response at Nov M&C.

B invited Bob to Nov 2, 4:00 to address Senate. We can get the info to Bob on that date.

Updates

- No response on the adjunct hire issue (#3 from last M&C)

Where are we on the CEL package course memo?

There was a conference call on 16 Oct. Want to kick up the pay for CEL.

Recent Senate Resolutions

2008 Summer school money. This has been released, but we were not informed

Zero Sum Curriculum

Dean's comment that adding new course means eliminating a current course

VP Forum issues

Oath of non-bias for search committees

Grad School Brief

to do with reducing the number of grad programs from 5 to 4, then adding a position

CourseHero.com

What actions are administration and MnSCU taking? Concerns about faculty being asked to check for violations on the site.

B: It's still problematic if we have to pay to view what's been taken.

Bob: Talking with AGs office and MnSCU office. Provided drafts of DMCA Take Down notice. You have to have specific urls.

B: But how do we do this w/o having to share the dollars? Have the school buy one

membership? I need an authorization on behalf of each faculty member. I don't know how much time and energy you want to spend. Erwin has told student senate that it's an IP issue if students give the material to the site.

Webb: Get some boilerplate language that if they post to this kind of site they are breaking the law.

Morgan: Do we know how stuff got on there? Student upload?

Griggs: What's up there seems to have been crawled.

B: Lisa said there was no financial fallout from the email security breach. We looked into this and found that Lisa misspoke. Students can sue, and does put fin aids at risk.

Griggs: The rubric. I sent the Quality Matters rubric out to chairs and deans with a note to going to a workshop. 9 faculty from 5 depts. We had a rubric with CEL that we've been using. The Quality Matters rubric is nationally known. We created a draft of a voluntary peer-review system that I want to take to IFO CEL committee for discussion, then to departments. It's entirely peer to peer;

B: What you're doing is creating a rubric that is not of faculty creation. The contract specifies how he or she will evaluate the course is up to the faculty. It's a faculty choice to use QM - peer-to-peer or not.

Webb: A department can't make that choice either.

Griggs: It's not meant to be used as a policy.

B: It's a slippery slope.

Griggs: Ill bring it to the IFO CEL group.

MnSCU Auditors on IFO Travel and Pro Dev money

- We would like to see the MnSCU policies concerning the calls being made: per diem for conferences with food, etc.

That other schools are getting looked at is not a policy.

Pre-approval is not feasible

We would like to see the current policies on software purchasing and desktop purchasing.

- New policies did not come to M&C

Technology master plan

We would still like to see this.

E: We will take under advisement

120 Credit Degrees

Double counting of lib ed and education credits. 120 credit degree is becoming policy in December.

Adjourned at 4:55

Submitted
M C Morgan