

BSUFA Meet and Confer Notes

Dec 9 2009

10:00 am

Leif, Erickson, Quistgaard, Brown, Cutler, Marek, Erwin, Morgan, Ueland

Begun: 10:00

**Opening queries**

Are you considering retrenchment?

E: not at this time

Are any faculty currently under investigation?

E: yes.

Can we see the results of investigation

E: It is in progress. You will be told.

Quistgaard: It's taking a little longer than we thought.

**Updates**

Enrollment update

Erwin: We're good for spring and consistent. Up 7% in credits, at 8% head count. Online: 3% on campus, 35% off. Up 4% in applications. Up 2% in admits for fall. We're lagging behind in transfers.

Ueland: Is there a trend in yield?

Erwin: Yes.

Cutler: Education is not being allowed to teach face to face. That may be why the increase of 35% - classes aren't being allowed.

Budget update

Quistgaard: There's a \$1.2m cut owing do a decline in income tax. 2012 - 13 is sitting at 5.426b statewide. Next biennium is the one we're worried about. We also planned a budget forum mainly for other bargaining units. We'll do something in January, too. There's nothing really new. I spoke to the leadership of student senate, too.

Brown: We understand the need for the forums.

Quistgaard: Anything we do will be announced on the site.

Brown: Rumor is that we're safe.

Ueland: Rumor is that they will not cut higher ed.

Q: I would say nobody really knows. A lot of speculation right now.

Ueland: If they drop the hammer, it happens fast

Q: When we know everyone will know. We're also anticipating another decline in enrollment, which we figured in.

Brown: We are concerned about possible searches.

Cost study update

Ueland: We'd like to see a copy of the cost study for this year.

Erickson: The one that goes to MnSCU.

#### Facilities update

Q: We're starting Bangsburg hall windows.

#### Positions update

Erickson distributed a list. These are under way. They are still going forward.

Ueland: No closing positions on three?

L: It just isn't finished. We're waiting for a signature.

Brown: Concerning Math: Who are these replacements for?

Erickson: Spindler is one. It doesn't reflect Ivy's retirement.

#### Legislative update

Q: We're engaged with the legislature for bonding projects. There is still a gap between governor and legislature. Chancellor was here on Tuesday to look at our project. We're hoping to have a bill of \$1b.

Brown: Any chance of revenue?

Q: Up in the air. We need money for planning at \$3b. We're unlikely to see tuition increases. Parents and students are jittery. We might get a train wreck in 2012.

Brown: Those of us who make the widgets may have to make some arrangements.

Q: Watch what's happening in Michigan and Indiana. There is some discussion about whether there will be higher education as we know it. We're no longer publicly supported but publicly assisted.

#### Updates on

##### CAS Search

Erickson: All current. We have the names, and ads in the paper. Deadline is 1/18/2010

##### - Presidential Search

Brown: we would like the rest of the breakdown of units: How many from each group. It was given to NTC.

Erickson: I need to get it from Linda.

Brown: They got wishy washy with numbers when we asked.

Erickson: I believe there were 3 IFO members.

Brown: Units were being asked for 4 with the idea that they would eliminate one.

Erwin: That was done for gender equity and ethnic equity.

Brown: There's a lack of clarification.

#### Budget and expenses for candidates and food

Erickson: For expenses: the idea is to say "This is to take candidates out to dinner".

Include the names. Send it through that way and it will be pre-approved.

#### LOU on course caps

Brown: Everybody knows: MnSCU balked.

Erickson: I thought IFO balked.

Ueland: But MnSCU didn't sign it.

Brown: At this point it's just guidelines.

Erickson: [reading] from MnSUC: "The IFO declined our LOU."

Brown: It's troubling to get mixed stories.

Leif: Has Maki built into the revenue reduction the change in online that this LOU was addressing?

Erickson: We'll have to check.

Leif: There are 8 - 12 that have online offerings in the spring.

## HLC

Brown: Marty brought a request to figure out how BSUFA will meet with HLC visitors. Exec will be meeting with them. We're encouraging the rest of Senate to attend the public meetings the visit is having,

Q: That's way we've done in the past.

## Lib Ed Committee reassign time

Erickson: We talked about making those assignments as common to the campus. The person taking on the directorship could be from the committee, but we moved beyond to the rest of them. The director meets with VP, and so is the conduit. That's why administration should hire and remunerate.

Ueland: This person is a conduit of your office rather than the lead of the committee.

Brown: We have a body sitting as an admin agent.

Erickson: No - the person should be carry out the committee's will. I'm not directing her to do anything.

Q: How does the VP communicate with the committee?

Brown: Through M&C. We were hoping to simplify things by having the committee chair report to VP.

Ueland: If it's a one way conduit, what's the reason for a separate director?

Brown: Lib Ed does a lot of work. We thought of remunerating the chair was a nod to their work.

Q: Does the VP sit with this group ex officio?

Erickson: No.

Brown: That was supplanted with the directorship.

Q: I would recommend that Brown and Erickson sit down and work something out.

Ueland: If it's someone who is just listing, why remunerate?

Erickson: It's also coordinating forms.

Q: We need to bring some clarity to this.

Brown: We're looking at the committees to make them more representative.

Q: Meet and look at it.

## Foundation

B: We still want Foundation representation. We have had it in the past and have offered good work.

Ueland: We are asked each year for donations.

Q: You can ask someone to attend the open portion of the meetings. They meet quarterly. There's also an alumni meeting to attend.

FYE report (from early fall)

Erwin: We changed the FYE document because part of the budget solution was to look at FYE and cut reassign time.

Brown: What about the Faculty advisory board? These are credit bearing courses.

Erwin: That was conveyed by Mary. All curriculum goes through the regular channels.

Brown: We'll get back to you on this one.

Lib Ed

- Status of of New Lib Ed: paused or dead?

Brown: Rumors of a pause. There is none. The proposed Lib Ed is no longer on the docket and should be taken down. There is a moratorium on any and all new proposals. This is owing to a referendum of 2/3 lack of support. The membership - the faculty - said no. This needs to be clear to HLC that this is the situation. This leads us to confusion about the role of Lib Ed director, as well.

Erickson: Lib Ed committee is looking at needs of students.

Brown: Are you getting regular reports from a BSUFA committee that some evaluative reports are being done?

Leif: When we had the lib ed and science report: - Did you ever get the MnSCU information?

Ueland: We have a tabled set of forms in Senate.

Leif: I would like to see the MO of MnSCU. How they can say the courses can be called based on a category description?

Cutler: The report that was given to us by the director of lib ed is directed by MnSCU.

Marek: Everything we're seeing is coming from MnSCU.

Brown: Lib Ed info on the web is still claiming implementation in fall 2010: [http://www.bemidjistate.edu/academics/liberal\\_education/new\\_program/](http://www.bemidjistate.edu/academics/liberal_education/new_program/)

Erickson: It's under academic affairs. It's not ours.

Q: By the first of Feb, can we get the communication issue settled?

Adjunct information

Brown: Thank you for the information. Were faculty offered the opportunity for overload?

Erickson: I'd have to ask the deans.

Morgan: Can we see evidence please, because I didn't see anything mentioning overload for spring.

Monitoring of D2L classes (refer to letter of Oct 13, 2009)

Brown: Distributed the Rodd Henry letter that was forwarded.

Q: I have looked into that matter and we find no evidence of any administration violating the terms. We have a policy through Bob Griggs to make a request. Bob knows to notify you.

Requests for credit card statements instead of receipt from a conference.

Brown: Personal credit card statements are being asked for. We keep reporting these

incidents as they occur.

Q: I've had to do it myself. We have to provide one or the other. Maki has said to see him so he can figure out what's going on.

Report of Guilfoile collecting browsing data of a faculty member

Brown: This has been clarified.

Distribution of Summer School money

- Was the model changed? There is an anomaly in Education.

Brown: 08 money were disseminated based on past principles. Is this model going to be followed

Q: You'll get a letter from me over break on this.

Brown: The anomaly has been fixed.

HSHE Dean has told Education to offer summer courses only as online courses.

Erickson: Pat has said this came out of department.

Cutler: Judy has said it comes from the dean.

Brown: We have a conflict

Erickson: I understand it was just the grad school.

Cutler: Yes. But this is not just summer. It's everything in grad. That puts many of our students to disadvantage.

Brown: Is there a policy?

Erickson: No. The department believed that for student learning, online was best.

Cutler: That is not what the department decided.

Erwin: Students have expressed being able to go home.

Ueland: I'd be interested in seeing the results of their studies.

Q: Let's bring Bob in on all this.

All agreed.

How many faculty have been denied graduate faculty status?

Brown: We were hearing stories

Erickson: Department have written policy for 2/3 vote, then it comes to the dean

Q: Why don't we get the written guidelines to see this.

Grad school brief

Ueland: We have seen a memo that talked about reducing grad school from 5 to 4 key programs.

Erickson: I did not get a copy.

Cutler: I will send you a copy.

Ueland: We're getting requests to move courses from 5000 to 6000 level.

Cutler: MnSCU is suddenly requesting this.

Erickson: My understanding is that the grad council reports to senate.

Ueland: There doesn't seem to be a coherent policy.

Cutler: There are policy changes coming out of the blue from departments.

Brown: We need to address our own people with this. We need to talk to Grad Council.

Academic Calendars 2010 - 11 and 2011 - 12

Erickson distributed academic calendars that resolve overlaps. We're moving planning back one week in 2011, and 2012.

Marek: There is still the issue of the January start date.

Q: Get the other universities to support a common calendar.

University Assessment Plan

Erickson distributed copies. We will get an electronic copy.

Brown: We will take it under advisement.

Erickson: FYI: Maxwell is rolling programs together. 360/Small Business/MARS and TARS will be combined to be called ITEI

Erickson: Maxwell has been given the rank of Pro of Technology.

Erwin: Where are we with Academic Integrity Procedures?

Brwon: Waiting for Kyle to bring it to Senate.

Erwin: There's no time limit to plagiarism. Students would like a limit or a rationale for no time limit.

Ueland: We have had late plagiarism brought forward in the past.

Brown: We'll have Kyle bring it to senate and we'll discuss.

Eickson: Can we get together to chat?

Brown: Start up week.

Ended 12:00

Recorder,

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