President’s Cabinet
Thursday, February 5, 2015
10:00 a.m.
American Indian Resource Center Gathering Room

Attendees:
Bill Maki
Jackie Carroll
President Hanson
Casey McCarthy
Jim Barta
Shawn Strong
Joan Miller
Lynn Johnson
Colleen Greer
Mary Ward
James Parker
Megan Vilmain
Patrick Guilfoile
Tony Treuer
Marybeth Christenson-Jones
Rob Bollinger
Bob Griggs
Erika Bailey-Johnson
Anna Carlson
Scott Faust

Water Bottle Bill Results – Megan Vilmain
Attachment: 1 – SB 15-05 Bottled Water Policy
Discussion: Megan distributed the Bottled Water ban policy, which passed unanimously last night in the Student Senate.

Last spring, a similar bill was presented but was not implemented by administration. This bill has slightly different wording. A memo will be drafted for presentation to administration.

The materials state the university spends $15,000 each year on bottled water. This amount represents the decreased sales for the food services vendor. We should anticipate that they would find that revenue from another source, such as increased prices on other items.

This ban on bottled water would need to be included in the contract with the selected food services vendor.

Sugared beverages were not included as there was considerable opposition to limiting the availability of pop and other beverages. There is no alternative for these beverages such as the one being offered for the bottled water, Elkay water-filling stations. The option for selling healthier drinking options was discussed with the vendors for the RFP.

Erika Bailey-Johnson, Sustainability Director for the University, was present and spoke to the credibility of the ban. She believes there is a social justice component to the privatization of water. Corporations are going into communities and purchasing water rights. They control the use of the water and can reduce water levels. Tap water was not safe. It should be a right to provide that where people need it. She believes the tap water in Bemidji is safe and further believes most bottled water is tap water anyway. She also mentioned that the cost of bottled water is more than the cost of gasoline. Erika also believes the bottled water industry is unsustainable and we should not support it on our campus.

This bill would not prevent people from bringing bottled water to campus. It just wouldn’t be sold on campus.

The bill will be considered by the Executive Leadership Team.
MnSCU Update of ISRS Uniface Client application to StarID authentication on 2/19/15 – Bob Griggs

Discussion: The IT Department will be sending a fac-staff in the next week informing the campus of the migration to Star ID authentication for users accessing ISRS. This is part of the single sign-on initiative from the System Office.

Parking Permits and Rates for 2015-2016 – Bill Maki

Attachment: 2 – Parking Restructure Proposal

Discussion: Bill has presented this proposal to the ELT and is now bringing the proposal to Cabinet. It will be presented to the bargaining units through the Meet and Confer process as well.

A few years ago, we hired a parking consultant to review our existing parking structure. For the most part, we did not utilize the report or the recommendations provided. The report was most recently used during the on-street parking issues that were brought up by the city.

Currently, we utilize one parking permit (G2) for access to most of the lots on campus. There are a few exceptions, such as AIRC (G1), Limited Reserve (LR) and Cedar.

With the reorganizing of campus (Nursing to Bensen, Memorial, Hagg-Sauer), we will be moving a significant number of students to the north end of campus.

Further, the revenue generated from parking permit sales is not sufficient to maintain the lots. The lots are in need of repair and will need to be funded from the parking permit revenue. For example, it will cost approximately $750,000 to redo the Bangsberg lot. We only take in $50,000 in parking revenue to maintain our lots. Most parking revenue is used to fund student employees in Student Safety.

This proposal would call for:
- Designate parking lots as residential or commuter
- Color-code the lots for easier identification
- Construct a new residential lot in the area of the existing tennis courts
- Establish hierarchy pricing for the lots

Comments/Questions:
Overnight parking would not be allowed in the commuter, AIRC and LR lots.

There is not currently a provision in the proposal for electric cars.

Erika Bailey-Johnson was in attendance and suggested the tennis courts be converted into an outdoor ice rink. Erika believes we have enough parking lots on campus. Students should not be afraid to walk, bike or utilize a zipcar. The vehicles can be signed out up to one year in advance. It costs approximately $8/hour to use the vehicle. She also proposed the space be used for a garden.

There has been little discussion about increased on-street parking due to the permit rates increase. The city will need to address street parking as the streets are already full. In the past, the city had asked us to lower our prices/offer free parking, but that is not financially feasible since we need the revenue to maintain the lots.
Some expressed concern about parking for our guests during special events. This new parking structure would not change how these events are handled. As long as Public Safety is notified in advance of the event, they will not monitor the lot. Mistakes happen and people have been ticketed who should not have been ticketed, but Campus Safety will always make that right.

The parking arrangements are not as much the issue as the availability of parking for our guests. For instance, during the Golden Beaver Society Luncheon at Commencement, parking is an issue in the AIRC lot. There are only two guest spots in the lot and they require a special permit. Even if the lot isn’t monitored, there is not a lot of parking available. Casey McCarthy responded that the event management is definitely a challenge. We continually get calls from various faculty and staff requesting parking arrangements for an event. Sometimes, Campus Safety is notified the day of an event. They work closely with the departments. Many times, campus police will not ticket a lot during the event. It becomes difficult when we find we aren’t ticketing a lot and it becomes an issue of fairness to those who have paid for a parking permit.

James brought up several key points from a residential perspective:
1) The dorm is the student’s home for the next 9 months and as such, believes the students would support some or all of this proposal. Megan indicated that the Student Senate had heard the proposal from the Sustainability Office for the tennis courts, but now hearing that this space could be converted into a parking lot, believes the Student Senate would support this proposal.
2) From a recruitment standpoint, James receives significant complaints from potential students and families expressing frustration over the inability to find a parking spot when visiting campus.
3) Some families will eliminate a school from consideration if the student is not permitted to bring their vehicle.

Not included in the proposal is designated parking spaces for Utility Vehicles or Administration.

Parking permits are not required during the summer, beginning with the day after Commencement through the first day of the fall semester.

Some suggestions were to discount permit pricing for green cars or to provide parking spaces for vehicles that are not used on a regular basis.

As residing close to campus, Colleen suggested the city be included in these discussions. Bill plans to discuss the proposal with various constituents.

Please send any additional comments/concerns to Bill.

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**NTC – HLC Accreditation – President Hanson**

**Discussion:** We have received an extension from the HLC for NTC’s accreditation which means that between now and September 1st we can prepare for a site visit using the Standard Pathway model. We need to address each of the 5 criterion in our statement of assurance and statement of improvement. We will need to be cognizant of the fact that this attempt may not work but we need to move forward and try. It is still the best solution by far.
We will contract with external parties to assist with this process. We will be busy writing the bulk of the accreditation document before commencement.

On a more encouraging note, NTC’s enrollment has increased for spring. It’s a small increase but it is in the right direction.

For the Good of the Order - All

Bemidji Day at the Capitol
Bemidji Day at the Capitol is next week. President Hanson will be visiting with our local legislators. Construction has made visits to the Capitol rather complicated.

Legislative Session
Speaking of the Legislative session, the legislature has made it clear that actions are important. The Governor has iterated his displeasure with what has transpired between the System Office and the faculty unions regarding Charting the Future. As such, he has recommended no supplemental funding for MnSCU. If that recommendation stands, it will be devastating to the campuses. MnSCU is already preparing for various levels of funding. The System Office has requested each of the campuses provide data for Impact Statements. These statements identify what programs will be cut as well as the number of positions that will be cut.

Alcohol & Student Safety Task Force
President Hanson met with Police Chief Mike Mastin and Sheriff Phil Hodapp this morning to discuss their participation on the Alcohol & Student Safety Task Force. During the meeting, the officers spoke of upcoming changes for enforcement. One thing they are considering is requiring underage drinkers to appear before a judge.

We are working to get the task force organized. We are still looking at methods for getting the word out and facilitating culture change. It’s a difficult proposition but we are going to move forward and get people more informed about responsibilities.

James anticipates this issue of underage consumption could become a political topic for the legislature.

Faculty searches
We have 8-10 faculty searches going right now. We are very concerned about recruiting for these positions as well as administrative positions. These positions, based on past experience, aren’t easy to fill and much less with the added confusion with Charting the Future.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.
Minutes submitted by Jackie Carroll.
Moved By: Senator Miller  Seconded By: Senator Hofland

Whereas the Bemidji State University Student Association (BSUSA) Student Senate is the official voice of the students; and

Whereas Environmental Stewardship is one of three signature themes of Bemidji State University; and

Whereas the production and distribution of bottled water is an unsustainable industry; and

Whereas Bemidji State University students, faculty, and staff spend approximately $15,000 each year on bottled water; and

Whereas Bemidji State University should not invest in the bottled water industry's attempt to deny the basic human right to have access to clean drinking water; and

Whereas the City of Bemidji Consumer Confidence Report of 2013 states that no contaminants were detected at levels that violated federal drinking water standards.

Therefore be it resolved that Bemidji State University eliminate plain, unflavored bottled water beverage sales from campus, with Chet Anderson Stadium being exempt from this bill due to lack of running water; and

Therefore be it further resolved that this policy is reflected in the new Dining Services Contract beginning Fall 2016.

First Reading: 1/21/2015
Second Reading: 1/28/15

Result: 19-0-0
Date: 2/04/2014
Bemidji State University Parking Restructure Proposal
February 5, 2015

Rationale and Supporting Information for Change:

Walker Parking Consultants (2011)

Management of the on-campus parking system can be improved through strategic parking permit pricing, and targeted allocation of spaces.” (Pg.3)

Implementation of a parking policy separating faculty/staff and students, or select student groups such as underclassmen or freshmen parking policy should be considered to better manage the existing parking assets especially the highly utilized, geographically desirable lots. Students, underclassmen or freshmen could be offered purchase of permits only in low-utilization lots (e.g. Oak Lot) to encourage higher utilization of these lots. (Pg. 32)

Current Issues

One General Permit with Access to Multiple Lots
This creates many problems:
- Continuous driving on campus (Oak lot to Bangsberg lot)
- Inability for student residents to park by the dorm they reside
- Visitors are subject to distant parking
- No available parking for campus events
- Inability to remove snow an ice causing safety concerns

Parking Revenue Is Not Sufficient to Meet Demand for Necessary Parking Lot Repair and Maintenance Or New Construction Demands

- Backlog of deferred maintenance in our parking lots exceeds $2 million
- Annual revenue available to fund this is about $50,000
  - Annual Revenue - $220,000
  - Public Safety Student Workers - $125,000
  - Maintenance (Striping, Sweeping, and Resealing) - $50,000

Proposed Restructure

Designate Parking Lots as Residential and Commuter Lots
Assign Colors to Designated Lots to Better:
Identify lots to the public
Create a more welcoming environment
Maintain consistency and clarity across campus

Construct New Residential Parking Lot (Walnut Hall 130 est. Stalls)
Benefit residents in turn it benefits events held at the rec center, gymnasium, and fieldhouse

Establish New Hierarchy Permit Structure
New permit pricing will allow adequate maintenance/repair funding
Recognizes the supply and demand of various lots

Establish Procedure for Proper Snow Removal and Maintenance
Lessen slips, falls, and overall liability
### Current parking permit rates (2014)

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### Proposed parking permit rates (2015-2016)

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