

**MSUAASF Meet and Confer
October 5, 2005**

Attendance: Sandi Jessen, Torin Akey, Joel Johnson, Diane Berge, Scott Olson, David Williams, Michael Hodapp, Patricia Swatfager-Haney, Lori Lamb, Mark Johnson, Richard Davenport.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of September 5 were approved with one change, the change from Joann Roca to Joan Roca.

MSUAASF President's Report—Joel Johnson

- The new member orientation held for MSUAASF new members was successful.
- There continue to be questions on the smoking room in the student union and how the Mankato city ordinance will affect MSU.
- The Higher Learning Commission presentation to the MSUAASF general membership went satisfactorily.
- The family weekend was successful and MSUAASF supports the concept of family weekend.

MSU, Mankato President's Report—Richard Davenport

- President Davenport congratulated all involved in the successful family weekend and Homecoming Events.
- The President expressed condolences to the family of the young person who fell to his death.
- There will be an open forum sponsored by the students and the Reporter to discuss landlord and rental issues. The topic of tuition will also be added.
- The grand opening for Otto Recreation Center was successful as was the Food Science Lab opening event in the Family Consumer Science Department.
- President Davenport was in the Mankato delegation that went to Bellingham WA, a city comparable to Mankato. After a concentrated few days of study in community involvement and planning, President Davenport believes that Mankato is in good shape.
- MSU will move forward quickly on a search for VP of Fiscal Affairs. The administration will be asking for a representative from MSUAASF within the next 10 days to serve on the search committee. A professional search firm will be hired to assist with the search.

Vice President of Student Affairs Report—Patricia Swatfager-Haney

- The VP echoed President Davenport's congratulation for a successful family weekend and homecoming weekend.
- VP Swatfager-Haney is very impressed with Otto Recreation Center and stated that the track will be open by the end of the week.
- Architects have been on campus for the newly planned residence hall complex.

- The food service RFP's are out and the bidding process should be competitive.
- She has been meeting with the CSU staff and is in conversation with the CSU staff regarding the CSU report.
- The search for the CSU director will move forward, the job description will be reviewed. The ideal timeline would be to begin the search in January 2006. Mike Hodapp will serve as the interim director as long as needed for this year.

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Discussion Items

Personnel—Lori Lamb

- An updated roster on searches in progress, completed searches resulting in hires, and vacancies posted was provided.

President Davenport asked that we all work closely with Human Resources so that he can send a personal welcome note to all newly hired individuals.

Budget

No new updates

D2L—Orientation for faculty and staff will be up and running in the near future. All faculty and staff are encouraged to utilize this orientation.

Calendar 2006-2007—A decision on the 2006-2007 calendar will be made within the next two weeks. Discussions continue on a common start date for MnSCU institutions.

Alcohol Events—ASF asked what the procedure is for holding an event on campus where alcohol is served. What are the procedures for notifying offices and Security? There was discussion that the Heritage room may not be the best suited for holding events where alcohol is served because of the limited capacity. Discussion will continue on this topic.

ISRS—Mark Johnson

- Paying on-line: This could offer additional challenges. Mark assured all that a solution is being worked on.
- MnSCU Southern Region: There have been four outages on a wide area network. There has been no redundancy built in and there is general instability of the system. We have a crisis of confidence and we are working to resolve this crisis. President Davenport asked if we should approach MSU-Moorhead, Bemidji and St. Cloud to join us and offer to ease the MnSCU burden. M. Johnson is participating on the systems development steering committee which will draft a strategic plan. Five regional meetings will be held. The meeting at MSU, Mankato will be on October 31. J. Johnson thanked M. Johnson for his continued work and support to resolve this issue.

Health and Wellness Strategic Priority—Feedback should be forwarded to VP Swatfager-Haney by the end of the week.

Meet and Confer Web Page—Lori Lamb reported that a Meet and Confer Web page has been created as a central place to maintain minutes, agendas, and other items of meet and confer status. Approved minutes should be forwarded to Oleksiy Lazar.

Fall Commencement—David Williams

- There will be two commencement ceremonies in the Taylor Center on December 17. The first will be at 9:00 AM and the second will be at noon. Student speakers will be selected using the same process that was used for the Spring 2005 commencement.

Policies for review

- Fire Safety will be added
- Post Secondary Enrollment Options: Informal Review Period: September 15th to October 19th, 2005
- Gradate Enrollment: Informal Review: September 23rd to October 21st, 2005.

Meeting Adjourned

Minutes recorded and submitted by
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