

MSUAASF Meet and Confer Nov. 3, 2005

Preliminary Comments: A copy of the Minnesota Monthly magazine was shared. Minnesota State University, Mankato is on the inside front cover.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of October 5, 2005 were distributed and approved.

I. Information Items

MSUAASF President's Report—Joel Johnson

- Feedback from the membership on the Health and Wellness Charge, Graduate Enrollment and PSEO Policy was shared.
- Smoking Policy feedback will be provided.
- We are in the process of concluding the MSUAASF contract ratification.
- PDF (Professional Development Funds) allocation notification for FY 2006 will be distributed at our November general membership meeting.

MSU President's Report—Richard Davenport

- Higher Learning Commission—President Davenport and others had a successful meeting recently in Chicago.
- MSU, Mankato received one of the Centers of Excellence. A celebration will be held on November 9.
- Lech Walesa will be at MSU, Mankato on November 30 for one of 2 stops that he will make in Minnesota.
- Dean Trauger has agreed to stay on at MSU, Mankato until July 1, 2006 to allow for as smooth of a transition as possible.
- President Davenport will declare MSU, Mankato a Free Speech campus with designated areas that can be reserved for that purpose. He will then convene a group to identify the specific designated sites. All affected areas (offices) on campus will be invited to participate. A copy of the charge was distributed. ASF expressed appreciation for this compromise.
- President Davenport will be in China November 11-19, 2005. Dr. Scott Olson will be in charge while the President is in China.
- Campus beautification feedback continues to be received about the continuous campus improvements. Approximately \$5 million from the campus campaign fund will be designated to campus beautification.

Vice President of Student Affairs Report—Patricia Swatfager-Haney

- Positive feedback was shared from the recent Admissions Open House
- Student Services are going smoothly

- Food service RFP's are coming in and architects were on campus again this week for Residence Hall planning.
- Director of CSU & Student Activities is posted. There was discussion on how the position will be organized. Will programs and operations work hand in hand? VP Swatfager-Haney said the intent is to pull it all together—it is all about the students.

II. Discussion Items

Personnel—Lori Lamb

- An updated roster on searches in progress, completed searches resulting in hires, and vacancies posted was provided.
- The position of executive assistant to the President has been restructured.

Budget—Dean Trauger

- MnSCU is putting together a budget. \$10-\$15 million dollars for technology. \$3-\$5 million dollars (additional) for Centers of Excellence. \$10-\$15 million dollars for utilities.
- The impact of this will not likely be significant across the board funding. We are projecting a 7-9% tuition increase to meet our campus financial needs.

Professional Development Day in January—Kathy Trauger

- There will be 35-40 presentations on various topics. The tentative schedule is 8:30 AM social and refreshments with presentations in a time frame from 9AM to 3 PM. Suggestions are welcome, but need to be given soon to be included.

Communication regarding Alcohol events/Tailgating on campus

- ASF President Joel Johnson summarized some of the membership concerns about mixed messages. Can we still consider MSU a dry campus? There was a suggestion for having a group assembled to study this topic further. The student proposal for tailgating has been submitted and concerns include safety and legal liability. The administration is committed to listening to these concerns and it was stated that the incongruity is recognized. However, this does not take place at every event.

Update on ISRS/Enterprise IT—Mark Johnson

- Information from MnSCU's five regional ISRS meetings will be given to a group that will be formulating an IT vision for the future. The \$10-\$15 million dollar legislative request is intended to help catch us up in the overall IT area. But we will need money and leadership to get it going forward.

- MSU phone system charge is almost complete. Office of the chancellor has approached us to help them implement a similar phone system.

Strategic Priorities next step—Mark Johnson

- This will be a similar process to the IT process. Where do we go from here?
This year we are moving to implement:
 - *communication—letting everyone know what we are doing (the book)
 - *Looking at a new model with which we can align our budget—to flow activities in line with our priorities and vision.
 - *Goal is to execute more and more while allowing new initiatives to come forward
- We need better assessment. We need planning to drive the budget. We need to have a way to institutionalize the President’s 15 points outlined in the convocation address.

Update on Capital Campaign—David Williams

- A hard copy of a power point presentation about the capital campaign was distributed. “There’s No Pain Like a Campaign” will be one of the professional development day topics in January. At the present time donor use is being tested to determine how loyal and generous our donor base truly is.
- Possible Campaign Scenario is as follows:
 1. College of Business Building--\$30 million
 2. Campus Beautification--\$5 million
 3. Endowments for faculty--\$5-10 million
 4. Endowments for programs--\$5 million
 5. Scholarship Endowments--\$5 million
 6. Annual giving—\$4 million

Total for feasibility study is \$54-\$59 million

Holiday Clarification

- December 27 will be a holiday for AFSME and ASF (for veteran’s day, ASF only). ASF expressed appreciation for this solution. ASF asked that a discussion for handling the March 17 holiday be on a future agenda.

Academic Calendar

- Written feed back from ASF was provided. Carol Stallkamp is working on the calendar. Dean Trauger stated that we have no agreement with the Vikings and he feels we need to confirm the calendar ASAP.

Policies for review

- Written feed back presented earlier in the meeting by ASF President Joel Johnson was for PSEO and Graduate Enrollment policies. Smoking Policy feed back will be forthcoming.

Minutes recorded by Diane Berge
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