MSUAASF Meet and Confer  
February 2, 2006  
1:00-2:00

Attendance:  Richard Davenport, Mark Johnson, David Williams, Patricia Swatfager-Haney, Lori Lamb, H. Dean Trauger, Mike Hodapp, Rich Wheeler, Diane Berge, Joel Johnson, George Cejka, Scott Olson, Michael Fagin, Sandi Jessen

Meeting chairperson:  Dr. Richard Davenport

I.  Information Items

A.  Approval of Minutes

B.  MSUAASF President’s Report:  Joel Johnson

   •  PSEO Feedback:  Comments from ASF members were distributed
   •  ASF General Membership meeting will be held February 3, 2006
   •  Johnson, on behalf of ASF membership, expressed thanks to Lori Lamb for taking charge and implementing a wonderful employee recognition week.

C.  MSU President’s Report:  Richard Davenport

   •  A presentation about the efforts of our campus was presented to the Board of Trustees.  The presentation was well received and the word is that Minnesota State, Mankato is the institution to model.
   •  Higher Learning Commission visit begins on Sunday February 5.  It is important for all faculty and staff to talk about our mission.  If we showcase our excellence, we will receive accreditation for 10 years.

D.  Vice President of Student Affairs Report:  Patricia Swatfager-Haney

   •  Recreation Proposal—A handout of the proposal was put forward.  This proposal is requesting 100 percent student funding.  Feedback is wanted and needed.  There are plans for open sessions to present this proposal to faculty, staff and students.  With the addition of these recreation facilities, an additional 20% of students can be involved in campus recreation programs.  At the present time 60% of the student population is involved in campus recreation programs.  The goal is to grow that number to 80% of the student population.  This facility growth ties into the strategic priority of wellness and fitness.  The focus would be on recreation because that focus is the “entire” student body.  A discussion ensued that at the present time there has not been enough information given to quell the
rumor that the facilities would benefit athletes and not benefit the “entire” student body.

- Centennial Student Union received the ACUI award

II. Discussion Items

A. Personnel—Lori Lamb
- An updated roster on searches in progress, completed searches resulting in hires, and vacancies posted was provided. Advertisements for the Vice President of Finance and Administration were posted in the Chronicle. Mark Johnson is chairing the search committee. President Davenport emphasized that Trauger is working full time, not part time as was stated in the Mankato Free Press. Lori will check to see if the CSU Evening Building Coordinator is a probationary or fixed term position.

B. Budget—H. Dean Trauger
- The Board of Trustees approved a tuition increase @ $422.00 per student which is approximately an 8 ½ % increase in tuition and fees.
- Work is being done to update the FY07 budget plan which will include back pay

C. Special Initiatives Timeline—Lori Lamb
- This is an area specific to the MSUUASF contract in which ASF members will have the opportunity to develop projects to promote student learning for an incentive ($). Lori will have additional information after the committee meets and develops guidelines and criteria. No specific amount has been allocated for this initiative as of this date.

D. Scheduling Contract Discussion regarding new ASF Contract—Lori Lamb
- Training will likely be scheduled sometime between March 20 and March 30. Pertinent persons should let Lori know specific dates and times that they will not be available.

E. Meet and Confer summer dates—President Davenport
- ASF meet and confer summer dates will be arranged.

III. Policies for Informal Review
A. Recognized Student Organizations policy is in the Informal Review Process

IV. Other

A. Tomorrow (February 3) will be the first open house for admitted, but not committed students. Four of these open houses will take place in the next two to three weeks.

B. The final event of the Employee recognition week is tomorrow (February 3) from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Heritage Room. Information on the Higher Learning Commission visit will be available at this reception. The employee recognition week has been a big success.

Minutes recorded and submitted by:
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MSUAASF Secretary