

MSUAASF Meet and Confer
August 24, 2006
1:00 PM

Meeting Chair: Dr. Richard Davenport

- **Information Items**

A. **Approval of Minutes:** Will be done at the next meeting due to the absence of MSUAASF Secretary, Sandi Jessen

B. MSUAASF President's Report—Joel Johnson

Johnson reported the MSUAASF has had a high level of membership involvement over the last few months.

C. MSU President's Report—Dr. Richard Davenport

President Davenport stated that the new MnSCU Board may be more stringent and that student tuition will probably not be raised and may even be “frozen.”

Enrollment is down 150 to 250 students and retention is also down. President Davenport will assemble a new enrollment management task force that will report to Senior Vice President Scott Olson. Co-chairs of that task force will be named in the near future.

President Davenport will be announcing a new re-organization of the University in the near future. Hodapp asked for a timeline on the re-organization. President Davenport said he was not able to give a timeline as he has not had a chance to talk with the people that could potentially be impacted.

President Davenport is looking forward to being more available to students as well as being able to see faculty and staff on a more informal basis. He plans to spend several mornings per week in the Heritage Room of the Student Union.

President Davenport reported that he plans to be much more heavily involved in the Diversity Strategic Priority.

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

Vice President Swatfager-Haney thanked all that were involved in the Welcome Week Activities for students. She stated that Pandemic Planning will be on the agenda in the near future.

II. Discussion Items

A. Personnel—Lori Lamb

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

B. Committee Lists—Lori Lamb

A list of University committees requiring MSUAASF membership was distributed.

C. Holiday Schedule 2006-2007—Lori Lamb

A survey will be conducted asking employees if the University should close December 23, 2006 through January 1, 2007.

D. IT initiative—Bryan Schneider

Schneider stated that the IT initiative is “well in hand.” He distributed the MnSCU IT Strategic Investment Plan and an update on the current status of Our Enterprise Systems capacity for August and September processing loads.

E. Budget—Rick Straka

Straka reported that if enrollment is only down 150 students, the financial impact to the institution will be minimal.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes recorded by: Mike Hodapp and Joel Johnson

Submitted by: Sandi Jessen, ASF Secretary