I. Informational Items

A. Minutes from November meeting approved

B. MSU President’s Report
   - MSU has accepted a $6.1 million grant from the Bush Foundation. The Teacher Education Program gets the credit for this achievement. This will be a 10 year project with the potential for more money to come.
   - A bonding project information session was held at the Verizon Wireless Center. MSU has asked for $2 million in planning money for a clinical sciences building, but the view is not very optimistic. It was stressed that MSU is not in competition with the city of Mankato and their potential projects including the performing arts center, expansion of the Verizon Wireless Center and renovation of All Seasons Arena. Those projects will benefit MSU as well.
   - Administration will be bringing forward a proposal for the CAP program and the Latino Center.

C. MSUAASF President’s Report
   - This semester has been busy and successful; not too many obstacles

D. Dean of Students’ Report
   - This semester has been reasonably safe.
   - Tuesday, Dec 15th there will be a meeting with administrators from South Central College regarding the possibility of cooperative services
   - Continuing discussion on a meditation room in the CSU. A proposed location would be in the lounge area directly west of the Women’s Center and across the hall from CSU 256.
   - Students are bringing ideas forward including an alcohol education program called the “Red Watchband Movement” http://www.usatoday.com/news/education/2009-06-14-redwatchband_N.htm

II. Action Items

A. End of Informal Review Period for 14 Policies (O’Sullivan)
   - Next Thursday is the end of the informal review period. If ASF members have comments, they should get them to Malcolm O’Sullivan or Karen Fluegge before then.
B. Core Values Feedback (ASF)
   • Feedback has been shared from ASF exec board members – it is now ready to be sent campus wide

C. Veteran’s Day Feedback (ASF)
   • Members felt the holiday went better than expected. They were appreciative of the email from HR. Some were confused about how the decision was made for some departments/bargaining units. Written comments were shared with DeeAnn Snaza in HR.

III. Discussion Items

A. H1N1 Update (Meidl/Snaza)
   • December 19th there will be a community wide flu shot clinic at Myers Fieldhouse. This is a collaborative effort between MSU, ISJ, Mankato Clinic and Blue Earth County. The clinic is for college students under age 24 and the following populations:
     o Pregnant women
     o Children under 36 months
     o Direct providers of children under 6 months
     o Health care workers
     o Small children who are immune compromised
   • There will also be a campus wide clinic in January when students return from break (realizing that most students will be gone before Dec 19th)

B. Budget (Straka)
   • Latest MN budget forecast released yesterday. MnSCU will have a limited amount for further reduction unless the legislature deems the situation dire enough to seek a waiver from the continuity of funding language originally established.
   • MSU could handle their share of the potential unallotment without having to go into line item cuts. The budget was built with flexibility to react to these situations. The budget will be OK for 2011 unless there are very drastic changes.

C. HR Topics (Snaza)
   • BESI – the deadline was November 16th and 35 applications were received. Of those, 30 were approved and 5 are pending. The breakdown is as follows:
     ▪ 2 AFSCME  4 ASF  2 MMA
     ▪ 25 IFO  1 MAPE  1 Excluded
   o Employees still have the opportunity to decline the offer
   o This will be a cost savings of approx. $1.8 million
   o About 50% will retire in 2010 and 50% in 2011
The search committee for the Human Resources Director have narrowed their candidate pool to 5 and the finalists will be coming in the next week
Human Resources vacancies were shared.

D. Strategic Priorities (ASF)
- Concerns about the late start of the committees were shared. The President has assured that timelines will be adjusted but would still like to try and meet his original timelines

E. MavCard Update (Straka)
- Old MavCards will expire next Friday at 11:59 pm, including the functions of security and card access (getting into your office)
- If your MavCard doesn’t look like this, it’s old:
- Make sure yours has a picture of the CSU on the front and the Wells Fargo logo on the back. There will be no cost to replace your old MavCard. Replacement takes place at the MavCard office (Hub) during business hours.

F. Program Metrics Draft (Olson)
- A day long summit between the sub-meets was held last week to gather feedback and ideas on the proposed program metrics. Through the shared governance process, a draft program metrics evaluation was developed. This draft will be shared with ASF members in electronic format. It’s important to note it is only a draft and things can be added or taken away.
- The challenge of the summit was to be able to quantify indicators that are often subjective. Any program evaluation template that comes out of this process will not give a definitive “yes” or “no” answer for closure – there will be many factors taken into consideration
  - There will be a mix of all 3 instances:
    - Program closure w/out layoffs
    - Layoffs w/out program closure
    - Program closure and layoffs

G. Students First Update (Jones)
- Some frustrating news from the latest meeting. It appears decisions have been made without input from campuses on how these decisions will affect the way they do business.
- Encouragement from all levels to make sure our voices and concerns are heard!

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