

BUDGET SUB MEET & CONFER
Thursday, April 23, 2009
2:00 P.M. – CSU 238

Please note: Budget Sub Meet & Confer agendas and supporting documents are located on Web site <http://www.mnsu.edu/finadm/submeetconfer/>.

Attendees: Rick Straka, Chair, Mary Bliesmer, Co-Chair, Michael Bentley, Gary McKinley, Sharon Sandland, Helen Walters, John Caven, Kevin Buisman, David Cowan, Avra Johnson, Rosemary Kinne, John Knox, Steve Smith, and Vickie Hanson.

Guests: Gerald Schneck

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

- 1) **Discussion Items/Changes to the Agenda** - The agenda was reviewed and approved.

- 2) **Request for Differential Tuition for the Graduate Certificate Program in Forensic Vocational Rehabilitation (Gerald Schneck)** Gary presented the differential tuition proposal to the group. It was signed off by Academic Affairs yesterday. Brand new program he has been working on for about 8 years to get it going. It's a program desired by the field of vocational rehabilitation counselors for the last 25 years and no accredited programs in any of the colleges in the United States has picked it up. There are only 5-6 rehab educators that are experienced in it and have done any kind of study. Why do we need differential tuition? 1) We can't offer it without it, we don't have that kind of resource in our departmental budget 2) Will have to use adjunct faculty because the expertise in the legal and forensic economic areas aren't available on campus. 15 students would break even and would like to see actual enrollment be the same. Part of the differential tuition would go to a student worker, looking at utilizing teleconferencing, it's an online course. VP Straka, for online courses we have the ability under Board policy to make the decision on the online differential tuition at a local level. The differential tuition is 50% in-state tuition. The cost of the online tuition would be 50% beyond that and along with the Extended Learning differential. It still comes in at less than what out of state tuition would be. This will go to the Board of Trustees in May and possibly start in the fall.
VP Straka it sounds like a great program with no opposition from the group.

- 3) **Parking Rates for FY10 (David Cowan)**
 - a. **Parking Budget**-Have 2-3 months operating budget. It's a reasonable balance in an auxiliary budget reserve.

 - b. **PAC Post Hearing Recommendations**
 - There will be no increase in permit rates for FY09-10.
 - In turns of spending, we have to factor in nighttime bus service, which was experimental this year, cost us \$20,000
 - Met with the City of Mankato who will charge us \$76/hr. next year which is an increase from \$74/hr.

- Bus ridership is up 17% overall, not counting the spring quarter nighttime bus service.
- This was big with the Student Leadership, this past spring they put in \$10,000 to help offset the cost for nighttime bus service.
- The bus services also services the parking lots.
- Have the red eye shuttle that provides curbside service (some 7,000 rides), but off at 10 p.m. M-Th.
- The successfulness of the nighttime bus service has been having an effect on the pay lot revenue. Not suggesting an increase to the pay lot fees.
- Fine revenue is substantial revenue. Collected \$200,000.
- PAC decided not to allow gold permit holders to turn back in their permits during the summer for \$46 refunds in May 2010.

VP Straka- Coming from the Student Open Forum the major issue we heard from the students was to better serve the parking lots. This service has been very well received. They can often get a ride in, but not a ride back and there are also safety concerns.

4) FY10 Proposed Vehicle Rates (Sean McGoldrick)

There are currently 42 vehicles in our passenger fleet. We have been losing money every year in our passenger fleet. Our expense side is larger than our revenue side. For the current year we are projecting to be \$23,000 short.

Projections for FY10 budget:

- Proposing increasing daily rates on vehicles (19% increase)
 - Sedans from \$35 to \$42
 - Mini-Vans from \$58 to \$68
 - 12 Pass. Vans from \$77 to \$90
- Out of State Travel with fleet vehicle
 - \$100 if you travel out of state
 - 250 out of state trips at \$100 = \$25,000 projecting
 - Once you cross the state line, insurance can change from state to state, is a big concern. Minnesota is a no-fault state. Other states may not respect Minnesota's tort cap.
- With these low rates, it does not include replacement of fleet vehicles. This is strictly covering operating costs.
- A good amount of people are not using the fleet vehicles. In the years ahead we need to shape our fleet to the people coming to the door. Maybe in a few years the number will go down to 37 vehicles to keep our rates low and to provide customers with a vehicle.

5) FY10 Institutional Equipment – Approved List (Rosemary Kinne)

The list handed out at the last meeting was approved by Cabinet. It has been put on the budget website and the information has been sent out to all the divisions. It's available July 1 for spending.

6) Report from the Joint Budget, Planning & Assessment Meeting (Avra Johnson)

Avra thanked everybody that came to the joint meeting. We had some interesting ideas generated that we will be working on the communication during the summer. Also, formal arrangement so we don't lose the momentum we had with the joint meeting. There will be a meeting sometime this summer as soon as we know what the allocations are from the legislature. Those of you in faculty should be looking for that email. We

need some system for having at least two meetings per semester. If you have any ideas, please forward to Avra. The meeting minutes will be distributed.

7) Budget Update

House passed their omnibus bill which includes some significant tax increases. Senate is working on the proposal for a bonding update. The conference committee is getting together to hammer out a bonding bill somewhere between the \$200 million offered by the House and \$340 million by the Senate. MnSCU is being treated well with HEAPR project. Should help with planning money for the College of Allied Health and Nursing and Women's Hockey Center. The City of Mankato is asking for the bonding. They will match it with local sales tax money, we will lease some ground space to the City and we will be a major tenant of that facility. It will be a mixed use/shared facility. AFSCME has tentatively settled, two year pay freeze and it did not include furlows.

8) Contracts

a. MavCard Banking Partner-Wells Fargo

Contract with TCF was up last year, went to RFP process. Had good participation from the bargaining groups and students. The result was choosing Wells Fargo and we are in a transition process now with them. Hope to be opening a new bank. TCF will be vacating their space the last week in May. There will be a 3-6 week turnaround for Wells Fargo. They will be our new partner for 5 years with the MavCard. That will require re-carding of the campus. We will be setting up a transition plan for faculty, staff and students next fall. Beginning the end of May your ATM portion will no longer link to TCF.

b. Bookstore Contract – Barnes and Noble

Negotiations are moving forward. Thank you to David Cowan for heading up the group. Barnes and Noble sales have expanded on campus and will help support our academic scholarship program. Looking forward to getting a signed 2+2 contract.

9) Summer Meeting Dates

The next budget submeet & confer will be canceled for May 7 and/or 14. Will determine later if we will have a summer meeting after the legislature makes a determination.

The meeting was adjourned.

Budget SubMeet & Confer is canceled on May 14, 2009