

CLASSIFIED MEET & CONFER
May 5, 2011
10:00 a.m., CSU238
Meeting Chair – Rick Straka

Attendees: President Davenport, Becky Barkmeier, Avra Johnson, Anne Blackhurst, Mark Johnson, Mary Dowd, Henry Morris, Deanna Hoechst, Pat Pearce, Val Roberts, Bob Arndt, Chandler Holland, Mitch Wallerstedt, Barry Wilkins, Toya Schmidtke, Kevin Schull and Rick Straka

Guests: Chas Martin, AFSCME

I. Information Items

- A. Reorder/Additions to Agenda** – The agenda was approved.
- B. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting** – A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes.
- C. President's Report** – President Davenport
Commencement will be held Saturday with the largest number of 1,890 students graduating. The new entrance work has started on Ellis and Stadium. It has been a work in progress starting as a piece of art. President Davenport thanked the bargaining unit members for working with administration during the past year. We have come out exceptionally well as a university and will be moving to a new stage as we wrap up the academic year. Anne Blackhurst gave a brief update on the Strategic Planning progress made this past year regarding the five Strategic Priorities. This will be discussed at the annual retreat in August with an opportunity to move forward to the next level. President Davenport thanked everyone who participated in the flower planting on campus. Enrollment numbers look positive for fall semester. Residential Life projection models anticipate up 150-200 new first year students.
- D. Bargaining Unit Leaders' Reports**
- **AFSCME (Val Roberts)** – Frontline Conference in Alexandria May 18-19 with 288 people registered. Thank you to Pat Pearce and Karen Foreman who have been on the state-wide committee. Congratulations to Anne Blackhurst on her new position. Val asked the question regarding the expansion of Speed of Trust training to employees. Becky responded that they will get through the supervisor training first and may expand out to the rest of the employees by spring of next year. Rick responded that the GMW professional development training would be best if done in the summer.
 - **MMA (Barry Wilkins)** – Nothing to report
 - **MAPE (Matthew Clay)** – Nothing to report
 - **MNA (Toya Schmidtke)** – Nothing to report
 - **MGEC (Kevin Schull)** – Nothing to report
- E. MnSCU/Legislative Relations (Standing Item)**
President Davenport reported that the policy bill deadline is Friday. Yesterday, Governor Dayton asked the Legislature to pick up the pace on the budget; only 19 days before they are supposed to adjourn. There is little discussion on bonding. Higher Ed is silent on financial bill as there has been a lot of discussion on casinos and Vikings Stadium. Governor Dayton's definition of shovel ready includes planning. Stem related higher ed project include Clinical Sciences Building; however Governor Dayton jumped over our project.

Chas Martin asked about the state shutdown and its affects. President Davenport said that scenarios are being talked about such as:

- 1) Problem solved
- 2) HE Committee would support higher ed bill
- 3) The Governor could move forward to change the tuition the Board of Trustees recommended of 5% and 5% increases.
- 4) What would be the services to keep in place?
 - K-12 won't be affected
 - Local government doesn't depend on revenue

Higher ed will still be operating; Summer session is a cash operating system for us.

II. Action Items

III. Discussion Items

A. Standing Items (If Needed)

1. Parking- (Rick Straka) Nothing to discuss.

2. Budget (Rick Straka)

- On the non-instructional side, divisions were asked for plans on \$1M or 75% of cuts. Cabinet will meet and prioritize how to restore.
- Academic Affairs identified \$6M. \$2.5M has been released to the Deans for next year.
- Ropes course-discussion to go to recreation

a. Proposed Reinvestment Update

- There has been some feedback received on the website

3. HR Topics (Becky Barkmeier)

- a. Unclassified/Classified lists were distributed.
- b. Alternative Holiday Designation-VP Straka explained to the group that we have been told by the Office of the Chancellor all or nothing solution. Chas Martin talked with Chris Dale this morning and was told differently. After today's meeting VP Straka, Chas Martin, Val Roberts and Pat Pearce will call Chris Dale at MnSCU for clarification.

4. Campus Safety (Chandler Holland) Chandler reported that at one month on the job there have only been two days without a first report of injury on campus. Promoting Work Smart/Work Safe and moving forward one day at a time.

IV. Other Items

- President Davenport gave a thank you to AFSCME for the worker memorial day last week.
- Employee Recognition Breakfast on Monday for staff.

The meeting was adjourned.