

NORTHLAND

COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE

AFSCME Staff Advisory Council Meeting

February 8, 2011; 10 a.m.

TRF Campus, Room 545, EGF Campus, Room 301

MINUTES

Members Present: Bryan Berger, Bonnie Klasen, Jenny Donarski, Lynell Wayne, Jerry Hanson, Allison Scott, Danika Braaten, Jenna Grabowska, Anne Temte, Becky Lindseth, Lori Johnson, Kent Hanson

Topic	Responsible Party	Discussion/Outcome
Call to order	Temte	
Budget Update	Lindseth	<p>President Temte reviewed that there was still a great deal of uncertainty with regard to the FY 2012 budget. The legislature has just begun its work. The governor will release his budget on Feb. 15 and the spring state budget forecast will be released in early March.</p> <p>Becky Lindseth reviewed the FY 2011 budget. At the moment, it appears that the college is in a deficit condition for the current year. This has resulted from the fact that, although the budget was created with a conservative estimate of enrollment and tuition, the college will probably fall short of the budgeted amount. Last year's record enrollment appears to have been a "blip" rather than a "trend." Kent Hanson and Norma Konschak are revising the teaching assignment matrices and may show savings relative to what was budgeted. There will be salary savings from other vacated positions. And, normally not every dollar budgeted is spent. Becky is hopeful that the college may come close to ending the year with a balanced budget.</p> <p>A member asked if there might be any AFSCME lay-offs. President Temte responded that reductions have occurred in almost every department and it is very important for the college to maintain a baseline of quality services for students and the public. Until the budget situation for the state is more certain, it is very hard to speculate on what additional cuts might have to be made. However, Kent Hanson has already made significant reductions and reallocations in academic programs that may be enough to balance the FY 2012 budget.</p>
Aviation	Temte	<p>President Temte gave a quick update on the prospects for enrollment in the aviation maintenance and new UAS maintenance programs. There are about 80 prospective students for the UAS program and more than 100 prospective students for the AMT program.</p>

Weight Room Extended Hours - TRF	Wayne	<p>Lynell forwarded a question from a staff member regarding the possibility of extending hours in the Weight Room / Fitness Room so that employees could exercise before work. She wondered if employees could volunteer to staff the facility.</p> <p>Becky Lindseth responded that the management and staffing of the facility is the responsibility of Steve Crittenden and inquiries about extending hours should be routed to him. She did point out that employees cannot have access to state facilities that is not similarly available to other community members or students. So, employees can have access to the Weight Room / Fitness Room when it is open to others and is staffed. An employee cannot volunteer their time in this way.</p>
Next Meeting		March 8, 2011; 10-11 a.m., TRF Room 662; EGF Room 301
Adjourned at 10:35 a.m.		