

MMA/MAPE COM. PLAN Advisory Council Meeting Notes
Tuesday, February 17, 2009 (rescheduled from 2/12/09)
9:30-10:30 a.m.
TRF Campus, Room 662, EGF Campus, Room 306B

Members Present: Dave Olsen, Anne Temte, Kristi Lane, Becky Lindseth, Karla Anderson, Michelle Benitt, Pam Schorsch, Cindy Cedergren, Recorder.
Absent: Kent Hanson, Kirsten Michalke, Susy Dowers, Nicole Hagen

College Budget and Budget Idea Forum: President Temte stated that comments on the submitted ideas will be posted today. She stated that the forum brought out the concerns of employees and as follow-up to the forum, administration would be sharing information to clarify misconceptions of various items that were submitted and commented on in the forum.

President Temte stated that she didn't believe that a 4-day work week would generate a savings substantial enough to be worthwhile. Karla Anderson had information from another campus that had reported a savings of approx. \$17,000.

Becky Lindseth explained the role of the Finance Committee and that the committee will provide their recommendations to the Cabinet by March 25th. The committee is now meeting weekly. She encouraged Council members to feel free to submit additional ideas or comments to the MAPE and MMA reps on the committee (MAPE - Lisa Bottem at TRF or Sue Dalager at EGF; MMA- Michelle Bakken at TRF). After the Cabinet has made the adjustments to the budget, administration may wish to explain to employees why an idea was not considered in the process.

Becky Lindseth reported that a letter will soon be sent to all support staff, asking if they are interested in a voluntary reduction of hours for a specified period of time.

President Temte said we will know more about the budget situation when the next forecast from the Governor's office is released on March 4th.

Individual Summer Work Schedules: The President's Cabinet will be discussing this topic at their Feb. 25th meeting, and will be returning to this council's agenda next month. Members discussed the need for cross training employees; WebEx stations, etc.

Members were encouraged to submit agenda items for the next meeting to Cindy Cedergren.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Next Meeting: Rescheduled for Thursday, March 26, 2009; 10-10:45 a.m. TRF Room 662; EGF Room 306B; Roseau Site

Cindy Cedergren, Recorder