

**MMC Advisory Council Meeting Summary**  
**November 19, 2009**  
**1:30 p.m.**  
**TRF 662, EGF 301, & Roseau**

**Attendees:** Charles Gray, Michelle Benitt, Nicole Hagen, Becky Lindseth, Anne Temte, Pam Schorsch, David Olsen

**Absent:** Jerry Schulte, Kristi Lane, Kirsten Michalke, Kent Hanson

**Foundation Update:** Michelle Benitt reported on the following:

- 1) Current student scholarship applications are due December 1, 2009.
- 2) Annual Contributor Appreciation and Faculty Emeritus Dinner is scheduled for Dec. 3 in the TRF Gunderson Commons, starting at 6:30 p.m.

**Continued Discussion of Social Networking Issues:** President Temte asked the IT employees if they had received any complaints from employees about administration's directive to cease the use of Facebook on college computers that have access to private data. Charles Gray reported he had heard some complaining/frustrations from employees. He stated that MnSCU is receiving an average of 50 infected PC's every week, and they are overwhelmed with the additional workload to get the computers ready for use. Charles stated that blocking the use of Facebook did not prevent the virus from infecting computers; the risk is still there, since users are not necessarily using Facebook when the virus appears. President Temte asked if there are more aggressive methods the college should consider. Charles believed we are probably doing as much as we can do. President Temte noted that faculty have asked administration to revisit the restrictions placed on using Facebook, and consequently a task group has been formed to discuss this issue further and make recommendations to administration. She noted that it is MnSCU's directive to seize computers, when data is being sent from an infected computer. Charles stated there will always be new viruses showing up.

**Updates from Other Members:** Nicole Hagen reported everything was going smoothly at the Roseau Site. She is working with IT to acquire wireless access at the site.

**Budget:** President Temte reported that unallotments are possible again this year. However, the Legislature is challenging the Governor's authority to do that. College administration is developing FY11 budget scenarios for expected decreases in state allocation. President Temte stated we will likely have to increase tuition next year between 1-5%. She stated that class size limits and release credit assignments are being further examined for increased efficiencies. She stated that the rest of the college appears to pretty lean in terms of staffing.

President Temte reviewed grant proposals in progress for a mobile simulation lab, unmanned aerial vehicle program development, and a TRIO grant. The TRIO Grant could provide funds to support programs to work with high schools to recruit under-represented populations. President Temte stated that data indicates a 71% graduation rate in the region's high schools; of that 71%, only 50% go on to college. The college is working on partnerships with K-12, economic development organizations, and business partners on youth leadership and Strengthquest programs.

Meeting adjourned at 2 p.m.

**Next meeting:** Thursday, January 14, 2010; 10-11 a.m.

Cindy Cedergren, Recorder