

Northland Community & Technical College

MMC Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 8, 2011; 11 a.m.
TRF Room 545, EGF Room 301, Roseau Site

MINUTES

Members Present: Chad Sperling, Kristi Lane, Jason Pangiarella, Jennifer Killmer, Mark Johnson, Nicole Hagen, Kent Hanson, Anne Temte, Becky Lindseth

Topic	Responsible Party	Discussion/Outcome
Call to order	Temte	
1. 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 Konshak 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>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> <p>Kent Hanson asked members if they had heard negative reactions to his November announcement of reorganization of academic programs. No one reported hearing these</p>

		reactions.
2. New MnSCU Chancellor	Temte	Jason Pangiarella asked President Temte her perceptions of the new MnSCU Chancellor, Steven Rosenstone. Anne related that the MnSCU presidents had the opportunity to interview the two candidates for the position on Feb. 1. Although Dr. Rosenstone indicated that he did not have specific experience with community or technical colleges, he expressed enthusiasm about learning more about the important role such colleges play in Minnesota. Dr. Rosenstone further indicated that he intends to visit all campuses within MnSCU to get to know the colleges, their personnel, and their challenges. Anne related that the Board was eager to consider a candidate who could bring new solutions to the challenges MnSCU faces in the next few years.
3. Round Table	All	<u>Kristi Lane</u> reported that she is busy working on overload and insurance issues. <u>Mark Johnson</u> is working with New Media instructor Del Wright to help him become acclimated to NCTC and to “settle” everything following the remodel. Mark said that he and other AMPERS station managers within Minnesota are concerned about continued funding for operations and equipment; the Legacy funding seems secure. <u>Jennifer Killmer</u> is taking on new duties since she has shifted out of a 100% grant funded position into a position that has emerged from restructuring of the business office following the retirement of Sandy Hagen. <u>Jason Pangiarella</u> reported that student services is working on changes to the advising processes. <u>Nicole Hagen</u> gave an update on activities at the Roseau Center, including setting up an information table at Polaris for the benefit of employees. <u>Chad Sperling</u> continues to make improvement on the web site. He and Paulo Perez are responding to departmental needs for programming and development.
4. Next meeting		Tuesday, March 8, 2011; 11a.m. – noon TRF Room 662; EGF Room 301; Roseau Site
5. Adjourned at 10:30 a.m.		