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COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE

## MMC Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 8, 2011

11 a.m.; TRF Room 662; EGF Room 301, Roseau

### MINUTES

**Members Present:** Charles Gray, Dustin Buse, Jennifer Killmer, Mark Johnson, Kristi Lane, Nicole Hagen, Anne Temte, Becky Lindseth

**Absent:** Jason Pangiarella, Nic Thompson, Norma Smith, Chad Sperling, Kent Hanson

Topic	Responsible Party	Discussion/Outcome
Call to order	Temte	
1. Budget Discussion	Temte	<p>President Temte stated that the level of ambiguity is very high in regard to the FY12 state and college budget. The best case scenario for NCTC would be a \$300,000 allocation reduction, which has already been achieved through retirements, program consolidation, scheduling efficiencies, etc. Worst case scenario could be a \$1.5-2 million reduction.</p> <p>The Board is considering setting a 3-5% maximum increase in tuition. A tuition increase of 5% would equate to approximately \$600,000 for NCTC, based on enrollment projections.</p> <p>Governor Dayton wants to raise \$4 billion through tax increases, and make \$1 billion cuts to state agencies to balance the state's budget. She stated that the Governor and the Legislature are very far apart on their budget proposals. Charles Gray asked about the possibility of a government shut-down, as it occurred a few years ago. Becky stated that the government shutdown did not apply to MnSCU at that time, since MnSCU institutions are required to maintain a minimum of two-month's reserve to maintain college operations. However, that decision is made by the Governor.</p> <p>President Temte stated that with the system transitioning to a new chancellor in August, it is unknown whether the new chancellor will make major changes in the system's structure. Chancellor McCormick has never considered shrinking the system, but the</p>

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		Board of Trustees have initiated plans for increasing efficiencies, including sharing campus services where feasible.
2. Combining Staff Councils	Temte	President Temte stated she would like to combine the AFSCME and MMC Advisory Councils into one group, since similar topics are discussed with both councils. Members present had no objections to combining the councils.
3. Input from Members	Hagen	Nicole Hagen reported she is doing a lot of advising right now; 15 of the current nursing cohort students intend to apply for the RN program; several Polaris employees are interested in the on-line Supervisory Leadership certificate program; preparing for the OCR visit in mid-March.
	Johnson	Mark Johnson reported that interviews for the radio station's vacant position are scheduled this week. This position is funded 75% by the Legacy Grant and 25% station-funded. Two concerts are scheduled through the Legacy Grant in March, the next one being held at Kezar Music, with free will donations going to the Carnegie Library project. A Minnesota filmmaker and a Minnesota author will conduct presentations in the theater in March-April. Mark noted that Rochester Community and Technical College are developing a college radio station.
	Gray	Charles Gray reported that he has relocated to the TRF Campus, in addition to a temporary employee joining the team; the team is learning new aspects of the Microsoft network.
	Lane	Kristi Lane reported on a new applicant search tool that MnSCU is implementing; she is working on developing an online employee orientation program; preparing documentation for the OCR visit; preparing for summer balloon payroll.
4. Next meeting		Combined Councils: Monday, April 18, 2011; <b>10 a.m.</b> , TRF 545; EGF 115, Roseau
5. Adjourned at 11:30 a.m.		