



President's Council

Wednesday, May 8, 2019

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Location: EGF Room 290 (662)

Minutes

Present: Dennis Bona, Kristi Lane, Lars Dyrud, Mary Fontes, Jodi Stauss-Stassen, Chad Sperling, Curtis Zoller, Mike Curfman, Brian Huschle, Shannon Jesme, James Retka, and Julie Fenning (recorder).

1. President's Report – Bona

- a. **BGEA Chamber Meeting Update** – Jodi and Dr. Bona attended a presentation from ND legislators.
- b. **MN Legislature Update** – Still in process. No new information currently.
- c. **Leadership Council Update** – We are planning the 20/21 budget based on the governor's proposal. This would include a 3% increase in tuition each year. More to come.
- d. **Vice Chancellor of Finance** – Interviewed three candidates. The Chancellor will present his final choice to the board.
- e. **Campus Climate** – The system office piloted a tool to survey the college with respect to diversity, equity, and inclusion. They will be tweaking the questions and length of the survey and open it up system-wide.
- f. **President Evaluation** – Dr. Bona shared that he had a positive evaluation. They reviewed the metrics and discussed where we can implement strategies for improvement.
- g. **Athletic Update** – Dr. Bona attended a meeting with Pete Watkins and Steve Crittenden and other college presidents regarding a new NJCAAP rule. This rule allows a third year of academic eligibility at division three schools. This idea was not supported by Minnesota State schools. It was agreed that the Minnesota State presidents would write a letter asking questions they had regarding start date and clarity on a couple questions. They will also request the data to support the rationale why this is being changed. Mike Curfman shared that there is a new push is to establish eSports or videogaming as a college sport. It is gaining a lot of momentum. Clay target is growing in the state. Also looking at drone racing leagues.
- h. **Becoming a Yellow Ribbon Company** – Met with Annette Cyper to learn how Northland can become a Yellow Ribbon company. Criteria must be met to gain status. A new committee will need to be added. **ACTION:** Mary will organize a team to begin moving this forward. Volunteers include Curtis, Kristi, and Chad.

2. Action Items

- a. **3000 Series Policies and Procedures for Review and Approval** – Mary Fontes shared that these have all been reviewed by AASC. **Approved.**
- b. **Department of Defense Audit Update** – Currently in process, with a deadline of May 20, 2019. This process will help clean up current policies and will help with the HLC visit as well. SOP and policies approved, pending any changes from AASC. If they request changes, policies will come back to President's Council for final approval.
- c. **2075/2075P Financial Aid** – Approved.
- d. **GF Officer Request Re: Fake IDs Being Passed at Local Bars** – Mary Fontes shared a request from local law enforcement to implement a process similar to UND. The local bars send fake ID's to law enforcement and law enforcement works with UND to determine who are students and then the university holds them accountable through the Student Code of Conduct. After discussion, it was determined to be outside Northland's jurisdiction and that Northland would not participate in this process.

- e. **Vote for City of TRF** – Shannon shared that Mark Borseth, Public Works Director of the City of Thief River Falls, has asked us to spread the word to get votes for the City of TRF to try and win a new basketball court by the Tindolf beach. Shannon sent a link to President’s Council to help spread the word.
- f. **Adding New Positions** – The President’s Council will determine Northland’s institutional priorities and any requested positions will be reviewed during the budget planning process.
- g. **NSF Visit** – The agenda will be distributed in the near future.
- h. **Website Transition to the Cloud** – Stacey Hron is working on securing a web programmer to transfer the existing website to the Cloud.
- i. **Commencement Update** – Lynell Wayne is gone due to her mother’s passing, but everything is ready for the ceremony. Marketing has purchased equipment to live stream the ceremonies using Mark Johnson’s expertise.
- j. **CHS Virtual Bookstore** – Shannon shared that the virtual bookstore has been approved and will be implemented. Distance MN has selected Northland to manage the books for CHS.
- k. **Newsletter Over the Summer** – It was determined that there would be a newsletter for May and August. There would not be a newsletter for June and July.
- l. **Microsoft Teams** – Curtis will be researching Microsoft Teams over the summer. Stacey Hron is the contact to create a new team. Curtis will look at conducting a training session during the fall in-service.

3. **Discussion Items – None**

4. **Informational Items – None**

5. **Adjournment 11:14 a.m.**