

PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL

Wednesday, September 30, 2020

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Location: **Zoom**

MINUTES

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

1. President's Report

- a. **East Grand Forks Library Board** – Dr. Bona would like someone from Northland to replace him on the EGF library board. **ACTION:** Volunteer or send a name to Dr. Bona prior to the end of October board meeting.
- b. **COVID-19 Update** – Faculty have expressed a need for an update on COVID-19 status. It was determined that an email will be sent to all employees with a status update. An email will be sent to students as well. **ACTION:** Dr. Bona will draft an email for President's Council's review and input.
- c. **Class Capacities** – Dr. Bona shared that there is a subgroup from the Shared Governance Council that has been meeting to discuss increasing the online class capacities to match the on-campus course capacities. An additional meeting has been scheduled for further discussion.

2. Action Items

- a. **Athletics Decision** – Dr. Bona shared that he has a meeting with Minnesota State presidents who have athletics to discuss whether to offer wrestling and basketball in the spring. Dr. Bona needs to complete a survey and he is seeking input from this group as he will not be here spring semester. It was determined at this time that Northland administration supported offering basketball in the spring but did not support offering wrestling. More discussion will be held soon. He expects that the decision regarding baseball and softball will be made in December.
- b. **Honors Regalia** – The graduation committees need to order new honors regalia for the upcoming graduation. Currently, TRF and EGF campuses have different regalia. Jodi would like to be consistent across the college. It was agreed that there should be consistency between campuses and Highest Honors will receive stoles. **ACTION:** The graduation committees will request input from students for a decision on the Academic Excellence regalia, medallion or cord.
- c. **Service Learning for Summer 2021** – Brian requested that the summer 2021 spring service learning graduation requirement be waived. Approved.

3. Discussion Items

- a. **Budget Update** – Shannon presented the budget update for FY20 – FY22. Final numbers as of today's date. These numbers may change as more information becomes available.
 - i. FY20 \$572,118
 - ii. FY21 (\$998,272)
 - iii. FY22 (\$888,598)



4. Informational Items

- a. **Personnel Update** – Mike gave an update on the presidential search. The Chancellor will join us for listening sessions October 13 and 14. They are establishing the search committee which will be completed by the middle of November. The interim search is also in progress. The chancellor and chief of staff will interview the candidates. There will not be a search committee for the interim position. There is a GMW position on the TRF campus posted through October 12th. There are FMB instructor interviews today. The accounting supervisor position was posted today.
- b. **Open Enrollment** – Open enrollment begins October 29 through November 18. There is a new BCBS vision benefit that will be available.
- c. **TRF Dean Search** – Brian gave an update on the search process. They are working on scheduling Zoom interviews with three finalists. Open forums will be scheduled with the finalists on October 21 and 22.
- d. **Professional Development Faculty Survey Results** – This item was tabled until the next meeting.
- e. **SGC Agenda Setting Meeting Update** – SGC has invited Nicki Carlson and Chad to give an update on recruiting and marketing. **ACTION:** Mary will communicate with Nicki regarding the request.
- f. **Fall Minnesota State Week** – Chad shared that Minnesota State is acknowledging a second week to push marketing and awareness across the state. Northland's ads will start running today and tomorrow.
- g. **Website Update** – The contract with Object was executed last Friday. The kick-off meeting is scheduled for this Friday.

5. Individual Updates (limited to two minutes)

- a. Cutis Zoller – The NSF grant/360 partnership application/proposal was submitted.
- b. Jim Retka
- c. Shannon Jesme
- d. Lars Dyrud – Spring scholarship applications will be open in a couple of weeks. Please encourage students to apply.
- e. Mary Fontes – Enrollment is -13%. They are still waiting for FBM numbers.
- f. Chad Sperling
- g. Jodi Stauss-Stassen
- h. Mike Curfman

6. Adjournment 11:45 a.m.

