

PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL

Thursday, April 15, 2021

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Location: **Zoom**

Minutes

Present: Shannon Jesme, Brian Huschle, Mike Curfman, Jodi Stauss, Shamani Shikwambi, Mary Fontes, Chad Sperling, Lars Dyrud, Curtis Zoller, and Julie Fenning (recorder).

1. President's Report

- a. **Differential Tuition** - The report is due next week to the system office. Academics is requesting new differential tuition for dietetic tech to add the health differential to the program. Students have been consulted regarding this change. **Approved.** Fee Increases – it was determined not to increase fees at this time. **ACTION:** Shannon will submit the final spreadsheet to the system office.
- b. **Bonding** – Presidents are encouraged to email legislatures to advocate for HEAPR funding.
- c. **LeadMN** – Anticipating a 74% increase to the association fee. The meeting this weekend at the LeadMN conference will finalize the increase. The increase would be used to support counseling services.

2. Action Items

- a. **Minnesota State Multi-Campus Collaboration Grant** – Brian requested approval to apply for a multicampus collaboration grants through the innovations funding model. St. Cloud will be the fiscal agent. **Approved.**
- b. **Telepsychiatry Grant Opportunity** – Mary requested approval to join a partnership for a grant for telepsychiatry. There is no cost to Northland to be part of the collaborative grant. This would provide additional support for Northland students. **Approved.**
- c. **Learn to Live Grant Opportunity** – Mary requested approval to join a collaborative group for a grant on online therapy programs for mental health. The grant will provide live coaching in an online environment. Lessons will be delivered, it will be private and confidential, available 24/7 for Northland students. The proposal is due at the end of April. The cost would be minimal, if any. **Approved.**

3. Discussion Items

- a. **TRF Bike Path Proposal** – Shannon requested approval to participate in a partnership with the TRF Bike Club and Pennington County on a project with our bike paths behind the TRF campus. The project includes new benches, installing dog waste stations and distance markers. **Approved.**
- b. **PSEO Website Information** – The PSEO information on the website needs to be updated. **ACTION:** Chad will work with Lisa Gunderson to make updates.
- c. **Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence Program** – Shamani requested approval to participate in this survey. There are other Minnesota State resources available if we are a part of this. **Approved.**
- d. **FBM Staffing for FY22** – Ron Dvergsten has been an employee at Northland for five years after his retirement. One more year he would roll into full-time, unlimited status. Brian is recommending that this be allowed to roll. **Approved.** **ACTION:** Julie will add Ron back into the service award list.
- e. **Graduation Video** – Faculty are expressing concerns regarding the need for assistance. **ACTION:** Chad will send a reminder to faculty and add that marketing will assist anyone who would like to have a video.
- f. **Training Refresher** – President's Council would like a refresher training on AEDs, public address system, StarAlert, and emergency procedures. **ACTION:** Julie will work with Cory to schedule.
- g. **Growth Opportunities Work Group** – Shannon reported that the work group has created a single spreadsheet with all ideas generated from the AMP, Strategic Plan, and brainstorming from the



Growth Opportunities work group. Shannon would like President's Council to go through each idea and add a status/response to each idea so that the new president will know which ideas were not implemented and why, and which are in progress or complete. **ACTION:** Julie will schedule time in a May President's Council meeting to complete this activity.

4. Informational Items

- a. **COVID-19 Update** – All outdoor sports and activities was approved for summer. The pandemic team recommended allowing theater on campus following pandemic. **Approved.** At this time through July, no indoor athletics activities will be permitted. All other requests will be addressed on a case by case basis. Pandemic team continues to recommend the 14-day quarantine through spring semester, unless it has been two weeks since vaccine or they were COVID positive in the last 90 days.
- b. **Personnel Update (Curfman)** – Time did not allow for update.

5. Individual Updates (limited to two minutes) Time did not allow for updates.

- a. Shamani Shikwambi
- b. Brian Huschle
- c. Curtis Zoller
- d. Lars Dyrud
- e. Mary Fontes
- f. Chad Sperling
- g. Jodi Stauss
- h. Mike Curfman

6. Adjournment 11:04 a.m.

