

PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL

Wednesday, May 26, 2021

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Location: **Zoom**

MINUTES

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

1. President's Report

- a. **Tuition and Fee Review** – Shannon provided a document with proposed rates. Dietetic Tech program was approved for the health department differential rate. **ACTION:** Please review and respond with any edits to Shannon. Edits included: Fire fighter paramedic program is no longer offered. Review program names. Respiratory therapy, IA, Paramedic vs. Paramedicine. Unmanned **Aircraft** systems. Registered Nursing should be Nursing. Add ARCH program to the website.
- b. **Budget Update – Non-personnel** – Shannon will email the group their budgets for review. Please adjust where known. Budgets need to be entered for FY2022 purchasing.
- c. **Stimulus Funds Update** – Still waiting on guidance on CRRSAA funds regarding lost revenue. May not be able to submit as much as originally projected. Shannon will begin calculations next week.
- d. **LeadMN Proposal** – Presidents are working on a survey to create a response to this proposal. LeadMN is requesting to raise the fee significantly, claiming support by students across the system. There are some concerns from Minnesota State presidents. Jason is reaching out to Northland's Student Senates to get feedback on the proposal.

2. Action Items

- a. **Virtual Tour Contract** – Chad shared the three-year contract price for renewal of the Virtual Tour. Increase in rates, however, there are new features that are beneficial for Northland such as quarterly refreshers versus annual refreshers; unlimited number of stops and can do quarterly. **Approved.**

3. Discussion Items

- a. **CRJU Lab Remodel** – The Criminal Justice program purchased a new simulator this fall due to police reform requirements. The current room does not fit the new simulator. Jodi is requesting approval to take down the wall separating the rooms in 655. This will allow space for the simulator, and the mats for defensive tactics. They would lose a dedicated classroom but would use a general-purpose classroom for lecture courses. It will be minimal cost for construction. **ACTION:** Shannon will communicate with the Facilities/Technology Committee for input. **Approved.**

4. Informational Items

- a. **COVID-19 Update** – Jodi is waiting for guidance from the system office regarding mask mandates. MDH is making recommendations regarding social distancing in classrooms. The screening tool is no longer being used. ARP funds require outreach to encourage



vaccinations. Jason Pangiarella is working to schedule vaccination clinics for students.

ACTION: Shannon and Jodi will look at incentives for students who get vaccinated.

- b. Personnel Update** – Mike provided an update on the following searches:
 - i. Benjamin Berberich accepted the TRF General Maintenance Worker position.
 - ii. Callista Van De Hei accepted the NCAT Office and Administrative Specialist position.
 - iii. Cindy Gregg accepted the Early Childhood Education instructor position.
 - iv. Sara Dupree accepted the English instructor position.
 - v. Mitchell Tupa accepted the Construction Electricity instructor position.
- c. Summer hours start today**, closing at 2:30 p.m. on Fridays

5. Growth Opportunities/AMP/Strategic Plan Ideas

- a.** Continue at next President's Council meeting.

6. Adjournment: 11:54 a.m.

