



NORTHLAND

PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL

Wednesday, November 17, 2021

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Location: **Zoom**

MINUTES

Present: Sandy Kiddoo, Brian Huschle, Shannon Jesme, Shamani Shikwambi, Mike Curfman, Curtis Zoller, Jodi Stauss, Chad Sperling, Lisa Bottem, Lars Dyrud, and Julie Fenning (recorder)

1. President's Report

- a. **Leadership Council Recap** – Meetings will be held virtually through December. Chancellor Malhotra created Leadership Action Teams. Dr. Kiddoo is on the Post Pandemic Strategies work group. Chancellor shared his draft work plan. This will be distributed to the college presidents soon. With the infrastructure bill that was recently passed, the system office is expecting Minnesota to free up money for higher education. The supplemental budget request was discussed. Dr. Kiddoo will be contacting Senator Mark Johnson to author bill for our bonding project this year. Minnesota State day at the capitol is virtual this year. Some colleges may be leaving the shared services for HR. Northland will remain a part of the hub. MN futures together grant includes one-time scholarships for high-demand programs. Lisa has the list and is working on the project. Lisa will send out the list of programs that qualify. We need to look at using this as a tool as a recruiting tool. Job Service ND is talking to student services with new programs for tuition support. Chad will connect with Minnesota State marketing and then push out for Northland. Ron Anderson reported on Equity and Inclusion efforts at the system office and colleges.
- b. **Upcoming Events**
 - i. Vikings/Packers Challenge/Foundation Fundraiser

2. Action/Decision Items

- a. **TRF Library Technician Position** – Robin Langevin retired November 9th. Repost as it is currently written. Approved.
- b. **AACC IT Grant** – Kiddoo will be submitting for a Good Jobs grant. Northland is a part of a consortium. The deadline is Thursday, 5 p.m. Approved.
- c. **Collaboration Grant Opportunity w/ M State** – Curtis is exploring a grant with M State Moorhead. The deadline is January 21st. It's focus is equity and inclusion, opening communication lines with Native Americans in our region. More to come.
- d. **M State – Good Job Grants** – Exploring a possible grant for a pipeline of students into healthcare and manufacturing. Looking at possible Minnesota State partners. We will need to look at hiring a grant writer for projects if we pursue. More to come.
- e. **Red Shirt Fridays** – Time did not allow for this item. **ACTION:** Julie will include on the next meeting agenda.
- f. **Door Locks Bid Opening** – Shannon shared that the bids came in high for the last part of the HEAPR project. She is requesting an extra \$20,000 from the gen fund to complete the two entrance doors on TRF campus. North and East entrance. **ACTION:**



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Shannon will look into completing only one vestibule or using existing facilities budget for the remaining balance.

- g. Rural College Access Grant Application** – This grant application is due December 6th. It focuses on access for students in rural areas, with additional points given for CBE delivery methods. It would include more intrusive advising in rural schools. **ACTION:** Curtis and Shamani will meet to discuss.

3. Discussion/Clarification Items

- a. Enrollment** – Dr. Kiddoo shared that she is working on an RFP to hire a consultant to look at the enrollment process at Northland.
- b. Strategic Planning** – Dr. Kiddoo provided an update on the strategic planning progress at Northland. She revisited the bus trip and shared details about the upcoming open forums.
- c. ESports** – Jesme/Bottem/Kiddoo – Time did not allow for this item. **ACTION:** Julie will include on the next meeting agenda.
- d. Minnesota Futures Grant Process** – A brief update was provided.
- e. Leadership Team Restructuring** – Beginning in January, the Executive Team will meet formally with an agenda and minutes. The Leadership Advisory Team (all supervisors) will also begin meeting in place of the President's Council. The Pandemic team (Jodi Stauss/Jeff Bell) will meet with the Exec Team for the first half hour of their meeting. All pandemic-related operational items will be discussed at Campus Management.

4. Informational/Insight Items – Time did not allow for these items.

- a.** Budget Update – Jesme
- b.** COVID Update – Stauss
- c.** Personnel Update – Curfman

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

6. Adjournment 10:30 a.m.