Council of College Faculties
Minutes Tuesday, October 13, 2009
Access through Moodle/Wimba 10:00 – 12:00 (CST)

I. Roll Call
BSC - Eric Bless
BSC - Ryan Pitcher
DSC – Fernando Quijano
LRSC- LoAnn Nelson
MiSU- John Girard
MaSU- Patti Heisler
NDSCS -Ann Smith
NDSCS- Paul Lekang
NDSU -Bahman Bahrami
NDSU- Jake Glover
NDSU Verlin Hinsz
UND – Jon Jackson - late
VSCU Gilbert Kuipers
WSC - Betty Anderson

Approval of the September 2009 Minutes
A motion to approve was made by John Girard – Minot, and seconded by Ryan Pitcher – BSC. The vote was conducted via Wimba polling. 12 voted in favor. Motion Passed.

New Business:

1) Preparation for the SBHE meeting in Minot on November 19th:

Possible Topics for discussion with the Board:

1) Making the SBHE CCF faculty advisor a voting member.
Mike Hillman: If CCF wants to pick the CCF rep then it does not go through the legislative process. Whereby the governor has to nominate and get approval from the legislature. Fernando stated that the CCF has ample opportunities to bring issues before the SBHE. Verlin: Faculty are stakeholders but does the SBHE want the faculty to have a vote. Jake: We plan on being here for the next hundred years, should the faculty have a vote? Should we start the process? Verlin: This has been an issue for years. Fernando: should we pursue this issue with the SBHE? Mike H; New board members since last time were discussed. Fernando: asked for volunteers to pursue checking out the issue. Jake: Issue is in the ND Century code and would be a constitutional amendment change. Verlin: if board was amenable, perhaps the NDUS attorney could help with this issue. Verlin: Perhaps there are other more important issues to bring to the board before this issue.
2) **Comments on the goals of the NDUS strategic plan:**

1. **Enhance the economic and social vitality of the state.**
   Jake: NDSU: Gave examples of other universities that have created startup and spin off companies. Should we ask the state board if the NDUS should pursue the example of Purdue, Stanford and others? Should we have polices that allow or encourage economic development. Are there policies that discourage? We need permission from the SBHE. Is it true that SBHE policies help or hinder the economic development? Can we get direction from the SBHE to see what we can or cannot do regard to economic development.

2. **Creating a university system for the 21st century.**
   Fernando: Would like to get a feel from the SBHE about the culture in ND. What are the resources for academics or athletics? Verlin: We would like to know more about SBHE Vision and goals. Are the plans towards more workforce training or more academic. What is the role of faculty in pursuing the goals? Fernando: Are there competing objectives between economic development and humanities? Verlin: What are the priorities? Quality is indirectly discussed. Where is workforce training? What can each campus do to mold it to work for all of us? Jake: What are the opportunities that NDUS schools have an economic impact on development? Verlin: SBHE has a variety of stakeholders including the Legislature, students, faculty, staff, and K-12. Mike H: Why should a state fund a University System? Is it just for students or also economic development? The thinking of the round table was if the university helps the state to grow then they will have more money to fund the system. Fernando asked for input on what should be the priorities?

3. **Create an environment, based on mutual trust.**
   Ann forwarded the current plan. To the CCF list serve.

4. **Possible faculty involvement in ND Centers of Excellence:**
   Administration/implementation. Verlin: Are we supposed to be more involved or less involved?

2) A demo and discussion of applications to facilitate collaboration and coursework was presented by Rosi Kloberdanz, NDUS Academic, Research & Learning Technology Executive Director. NDUS CIO Randall Thursby was not available. Rosi has been meeting with Mike H on a weekly basis discussing collaborative technologies. At the May SBHE meeting, Wimba and Moodle presented to CCF and SBHE. Some other options for online resources include academic content for Odin with many other available. Equella is a repository of shared items. Bob Larson, NDUS Online Director, did a survey of Pearson’s MyLab applications across the NDUS and found a high percentage of implementation. The NDUS Online suggested working with the CCF to roll out collaborative coursework.
Rosi introduced the team of Lindsey ? and Ryan Hale from Pearson’s MyLab.
The presentation from Pearson Overview of MyLab:

Pearson has a high quality print content across the curriculum. Pearson has online products that accompany the textbooks and encompasses all curriculums. The team showed the benefits of using MyLab, including student success stories. Pearson would be able to connect MyLab with campus systems. Student information system can send data to MyLab. They showed how MyLab could be branded for each campus or the NDSU
system and administrative pages where things can be managed rather than just the student-faculty roll.
Fernando asked Rosi why we are considering MyLab. Rosi said that because of the usage across the state costs an extensive amount of money, we need to consider a system wide license to make it more affordable.
Mike H: What does General Education mean and can we utilize this across the system?
Fernando: what are the opportunities for our faculty to be developers?
Pearson Ryan: Faculty can adopt and make their own.
Patti H can open a discussion form on Moodle.
Jon suggested that we update the website so there is open access for anyone to attend our meetings.
3) SBHE/AAC reports
SBHE Report: Jon Jackson
Board meets in two weeks with interim Higher Ed committee. Subject of talk will be Presidents houses and Centers for excellence. He will send a written report via the list serve. Copy of it below
AAC report: Thomas Petros no Report

Patti H. gave the CCF Moodle log in: http://ndusdce.mrooms2.net/
Password if you have not logged in before: ccf09 - that is zero not oh.

The next CCF meeting will be as scheduled on November 10 via WIMBA, to allow more time to discuss items to be presented to SBHE on Nov 19 in Minot.
Verlin asked Jon to send out the issues on Centers for excellence.
Motion to adjourn: by Verlin and second by Patti. Motion carried.

**Old business (time allowing):**

1) Open records and meetings: Notice to public and access to meetings/voting information on CCF website. Filings with Secretary of State. Update CCF website.
2) CCF membership: Update website information: DSU to add one member.
The Board is meeting in Bismarck in two weeks with the Interim Higher Ed committee - expect fireworks over Presidential deferred compensation and homes (from the alumni foundation side of things) as well as some flak over the audit report on the Centers of Excellence -- which is why I was hoping we could do some homework to better delineate where and to what extent faculty are involved in these centers.

Sept 17th meeting/ Oct 1st meeting:

Of course the UND nickname/logo issue still gives the Board the opportunity to be ridiculed, and we haven't passed up the opportunity to let others have and take their best shots at us, unfortunately. The use of local funds for things like the Presidents' homes, and what broke in the newspaper this morning (10/13) about the Foundation essentially having a slush account that the President sends his credit card statements to gives me the creeps as a faculty member. By way of full disclosure, I have a personal “scholarly activities foundation account” into which I put money earned from honoraria, reviewing books or software, etc. The UND Foundation has VERY TIGHT rules on what they will reimburse me for, perhaps such rules are now evolving into place elsewhere in the system as a result of all of the negative publicity.

Strategic plan:

I posted (and then later, Ann, and then even later Patti posted again) the working copy of the SBHE strategic plan. I received some very on-target comments from Verlin (NDSU) on the draft plan — what he noticed and noted were a number of complete “blind spots” in the planning. I passed these up the chain to the NDUS staffers - hopefully they will be incorporated to the evolving document. I will also forward them to Patti for placement on the CCF Moodle site. Perhaps it will generate some discussion

I was last week in San Francisco with several other Board members at the Association of Community College Trustee meetings. Meetings featured Gov. Ah-nold Schwarzenegger and other high-falutin officials.

Since our 2-year school system is quite different than the standard model - that of colleges developed in the same cities as larger higher ed institutions, and made as feeder schools, some of the discussion wasn't really applicable to our system. Other things, like mission creep, affordability, and transfer issues, definitely were, and remain high on the dashboard of concerns for the SBHE. These are also on the mind of the Interim Higher Ed Committee, and I'll share some comments following that meeting Wednesday the 28th of October.