North Dakota Council of College Faculties
IVN meeting
December 11, 2007

Members Present: Shirley Wilson (BSC), LoAnn Nelson (LRSC), James Wright (BSC), Mike Porter (MSU-B), Tom Barnhart (NDSU), Patti Heisler (MaSU), Lisa Borden-King (MiSU), Milan Christianson (NDSCS), Ann Smith (NDSCS), Kevin Gyolai (NDSCS), Don Poochigian (UND), Ernst Pijning (MiSU)

Members absent: Gilbert Kuipers (VCSU), Harlene Hatterman-Valenti (NDSU), Neil Mueller (NDSU), Jon Jackson (UND)

Guests: Mike Hillman

Minutes: Lisa asked for clarification for the minutes regarding the P-16 discussion from last month and the American Diploma Project. Mike stated that the P-16 Agency members had talked about the American Diploma Project. This group is composed of administrative members from NDUS, DPI, ESPB, and Career & Technical. Jim moved approval of the minutes, LoAnn seconded. Minutes approved with additions discussed.

SBHE Report: The SBHE has hired a new President at Dickinson (Richard J McCallum from Missouri Southern State University). They also met with the interim legislative committee on education. The discussion focused mostly on welding and preparing welders. The Compensation Committee has met and is working on the compensation report, which will hopefully be targeted more at legislators. Tom suggested talking about the number of research dollars that come into the state from faculty as another way of discussing benefit to the state. Overall, the Board is focused right now on hiring presidents.

Compensation Committee: The Compensation Committee has some statistics they are going to start working with so Tom, Patti, John and Shirley need to figure out how to communicate. Individual institutions are working on their dates and questions.

Spring semester times: CCF meeting times are back to 10 am and rooms are set up.

New Business:
Higher Education and the Legislative Process:
Tom: The Legislative committee kept bringing up the cost of higher education (which they believe goes up exponentially). The legislators wonder why, when we've raised tuition by double digits, salaries are still low. Why is the cost doing this?
Mike: ND has one of the most efficient systems of higher education in the country and yet we are very low for state support. Technology has also increased costs. ND had one of the two highest increases in student enrollment. Energy costs have also gone up.
Tom: Our president just announced we are hiring 50 new positions. Don: There have to be other costs to account for this - technology makes sense as does building costs. Are legislators seriously starting to question higher education as a liberal education
enterprise? Tom: They seem quite focused on preparing skilled workers. Mike: The meeting involved a lot of detailed information and the problem is that this often provides the legislature with excuses for not providing funding – we need a broader picture, a look at the whole enterprise of higher education in relation to the needs of the state like the roundtable. Tom: They seem to question the very idea of the Roundtable. Who is the audience of the compensation task force? Mike: The report goes to the whole Board and the Board uses that to build its budget requests. Tom: I think we ought to target the report to legislators as an audience. Milan: We have to convince people from the grass roots up. The people of ND need to be talking to their legislators. Natural resources are being taken out of the state and the people of ND need to object to this and ask for the money to be reinvested in the state.

January CCF meeting date: First day back will be our first meeting of the new year

Meeting adjourned at 8:45