Council of College Faculties
Agenda
Tuesday, April 12th, 2010
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Roll Call
John Girard (MiSu), Fernando Quijano (DSU), Eric Bless (BSC), LoAnn Nelson (LRC), Jake Glover (NDSU), Bahram Bahrami (NDSU), Ann Smith (NDSCS), Verlin Hinz (NDSU), Paul Markel (Minot), Gilbert Kuipers (VCSU), Greta Kyllo (Mayville), Paul LeKang (NDSCS)

Absent: Don Poocigan (UND), Tom Petros (UND), Jim Crawford (DSC-Bot), Jon Jackson (UND), Ryan Pitcher (BSC), Douglas Munski (UND), Betty Anderson (WSC), Betty Anderson (WSC), Paul LeKang (NDSCS)

Guests: Mike Hillman

Approval of the March 2010 Minutes: Verlin Hinz motioned approval of the March Minutes. Seconded by Loann Nelson. Motion approved by WIMBA Vote.

New Business:
Debriefing of April SBHE meeting
Fernando presented his report
My prepared remarks as outgoing president of CCF:
This invitation to speak before the Board is symbolic of its willingness to maintain an open line of communication between the faculty and policy makers.
I believe that this board is not only attentive but also responsive to the voice and the needs of faculty throughout the state.
We trust the evaluation system which encourages university presidents to do the same; to be both attentive and responsive to faculty concerns.
Compensation remains an issue of concern, but again, in this area it is clear that the state is doing a good job in catching up.
As an economist, I have been trained to examine both the monetary and non-monetary aspects of compensation, and it is clear that the benefits of living in North Dakota remain very attractive—particularly the ability of the North Dakota economy to smooth-out fluctuations in its business cycle much better than the country as a whole does.
These are the good times in North Dakota. Economic growth policies, including steadfast support of higher education, have been successful in diversifying the economy as the state enjoys a budget surplus from its vibrant economic activity.
We are confident that under this scenario, the SBHE and the legislature will find it justifiable and prudent to grant faculty the salary increases as proposed in the budget recommendations we will outline later today. This investment in human capital is an intelligent use of resources, bound to have a significant multiplier effect on further economic growth and prosperity in our state.
Jon Jackson presented the Compensation Report asking for 5% and 5%. He stressed that ND needs to offer competitive faculties salaries to retain quality faculties. He gave a
dollar amount for faculty searches and these are expensive because they are national searches"

Gilbert Kuipers: Long term finance the status of State Board of Higher Education Long Term Finance Plan and Tuition and Fee Task Force "

AAC: Eric Bless AAC Retreat is on June 7-8 in Devils Lake. He will be unable to attend due to Summer School. Loann Nelson could attend for part of the afternoons

SBHE: Retreat is in May Jon Jackson will attend as the Rep and John Girard will attend as a visitor.

Jake Glower: Policy 611.2 Intellectual property. CCF needs a rep on this committee Need a discussion on encouraging students to complete degrees in 4 years. Eliminate the 12 credit cap.
Baharami:
Jake: CCF would like to have a voice on this 12 credit discussion with the state board. John G. Suggested that we time our meetings to more accurately fit the SBHE schedule.

Other business:
Support for non-voting Staff Representative to SBHE. Mike Hillman was concerned about adding more people to the SBHE Table when will it end? But he is in favor of the staff position. The AAC and SAC have voted in favor. John Girard moved to support having a non-voting Staff member on the SBHE. Verlin Hinz seconded.

Discussion: John G stated that this would complete the circle of stakeholders to the SBHE. And did not feel that other groups would be competing to be
Greta: stated that Counseling and other support people are considered staff members at Mayville
Motion passed via Wimba vote.

Verlin Hinsz.: Faculty searches are expensive and because of the high turnover in faculty in ND money that could be used for salaries goes to searches.

News/announcements
Reminder: Arts and Humanities Summit
October 7 & 8th in Dickinson. http://www.dickinsonstate.edu/ahSubmit/
Deadline for writing and performance is April 15. Deadline for the Art is September 26. Fernando asked for the faculty who are planning to attend.

John Girard: proposed a State of the Faculty conference to show what faculties are doing successfully.
Fernando proposed setting up a task force to put together to study the proposal. Ann suggested that we discuss this at the strategic planning meeting in August.
Discussion ensued about the State of the faculty Conference with no consensus reached.
SBHE meeting is on November 4th in Valley City which the CCF will be presenting. Next meeting is May 11 at 10:00 am.

Ann motioned to adjourn. John Girard seconded. Motion carried. Adjourn