CCF Meeting
Minutes February 8, 2011

Present: Eric Bless, Eric Brevik, John Girard, Loann Nelson, Jake Glower, Paul Markel, Tanya Mooney, Jennifer Jennes, Fernando Quijano (DSU), Gilbert Kuipers (VCSU), Tom Gonnella, MaSu, Kim Kenville, Tom Petros,

Guest: Mike Hillman, Steve Light, Diane Hadden, UND,


1) Approval of the minutes from January
January Minutes approved. Motion by John Girard. Second by Tanya Mooney
2) Election for CCF’s State Bard representative, President, Vice President, Secretary.
   President Ann Smith.
   Vice President – Eric Brevik,
   Secretary Tanya Mooney
   SBHE Rep- John Girard.
   Voting took place via Wimba. All candidates were elected.

3) Continued discussion on the Accountability Measures report with guests from various Arts and Humanities colleges across North Dakota.
   How are the Schools across the state involved in the arts in their communities?
   Cultural capital: Steve and Diane from UND talked about the quality of life and enriching the arts and humanities in each community. Our chambers will be versed in the “What makes Fargo or Dickinson a desirable place to be metrics.”
   Erik Brevik states we are looking for a way to incorporate the measurement of the impact of schools on the community in our accountability measurement.
   Jake: How do we measure the symphony, theaters plays impact on the community.
   Steve: Basic Question is what makes a vibrant community?
   John: Looking for consensus from CCF that this is important. Should we consider talking to Marsha K. about some wording?
   Steve: Suggests talking to the Chambers of commerce about what they see the schools contribution to the community
   Tom P: talk to local arts councils to see what they see about the presence of the schools in their communities.
   Jake: Suggests to have each CCF Member talk to local Chambers, art councils etc.. to poll their feelings
   We are more than just an economic engine but also a cultural/social engine to be included in the Accountability Study.
   Jake: collect data for next month’s meeting.
   Steve UND: What is the role that the university plays in the not-for-profit sector and also the leadership across the state?
   Tanya: Will we be receiving the same questions to ask all the chambers, art councils?
   Kim: agreed. John agreed.
   Meeting on Thursday Feb 10 @ 10 am to decide the Questions
4) Other Topics: Senate bill setting up commission on Higher Education funding. CCF will forward three names to select the person to be involved. The faculty member will be a non-voting member. The question was asked if a student will be a voting member. Mike H and John are checking. John said as he understands the bill the students will also be a non-voting member. John just wanted to make sure CCF was aware.
Eric: wanted to know the timetable: John: The bill has not passed yet.
Tom: have three names ready by next month’s meeting in case it passes.
John agreed
Tom: Jake should task us with sending names forward
Jake: If you are interested in being on the commission
Link to the bill:
Any more topics:
Jennifer Jenness asked about the report on academic appointments from the AAC. Input on the policy which made changes to the dates which academic appointment.
Eric Bless will talk to Mike and get the information out.
Mike H. suggested date change came from Administrative Affairs Council. Mike suggested that Eric talk to Laura Glatt.
This will be an agenda item for next meeting.
Motion to adjourn: John Girard… second by Eric Brevik. Motion passed. Fernando voted no.

Questions to ask Chambers of Commerce
1. When you recruit companies and employees, what are the selling points that the school contributes to your recruitment? What make our community attractive and people want to move to your community?

2. What are the cultural things that your college brings to your community that makes it attractive to prospective companies and employees?

Resolution to State Board of Higher Education

February 28, 2011

North Dakota Council of College Faculties

Whereas, The recent actions of the North Dakota House of Representatives in failing to implement tuition reduction and equity funding, while introducing proposals which constitute interference with the authority of the North Dakota’s Board of Higher Education are disturbing,

Whereas, When the North Dakota state budget surplus was marginal, the faculty, staff, and administration introduced new programs in their institutions while engaging in mutual cooperative programs, all dedicated to increasing enrollments in the North Dakota University System (NDUS), thus reducing the economic burden posed by higher education on the state.
Whereas, Faculty, staff and administration have worked to find unique missions for each of the 11 institutions in order to avoid the inefficiencies of overlapping programs, thus further reducing the economic burden posed by higher education on the state.

Whereas, The NDUS system having received national recognition for its work promoting public/private partnerships, has thus achieved the goals of the Roundtable on Higher Education.

Whereas, The positive impact of the NDUS and the Roundtable on the economic vitality of North Dakota has been proven.

Whereas, Since the economy of North Dakota is thriving, we as the representatives of NDUS faculty are compelled to speak out.

Be it resolved that The Council of College Faculties (CCF), the faculty governance body of the NDUS, strongly objects to the actions of the North Dakota legislature regarding reductions to the governor’s proposed budget for higher education, and proposals which challenge the constitutional authority of the State Board of Higher Education.

Further, be it resolved that the CCF requests of the North Dakota Senate to consider the positive benefits provided by the NDUS to the state of North Dakota, and undo the legislative actions of the North Dakota House of Representatives which would be harmful which would be harmful to higher education and, ultimately, to the State of North Dakota.