North Dakota Council of College Faculties

Minutes December 9th, 2014, 9:00 a.m. (Mountain), 10:00 a.m. (Central)

Attending via Blackboard Collaborate: Quijano, Russ (DSU); Bannier (LRSC); Thorsen (BSC); VanderMolen (WSC); Miller (NDSU); Russi (VCSU); Redding, Pijning (MiSU); Murphy, Petros (UND); Smith (NDSCS); Paschke (MaSU)

I. Motion by Jendrysik, seconded to approve minutes for 11/18/2014. Motion carried.
II. AAC report was given by Russ (DSU). The AAC embraced the idea of campus autonomy regarding scheduling of classes, especially between fall and spring semesters.
III. SBHE report was given by SBHE Rep. Murphy.
   a. A formal search for the new NDUS Chancellor is starting. This is an opportunity for faculty to weigh as to what they would like to see in leadership style and personal attributes. Open sessions were being held at each campus for input into the process but had been poorly attended. Paschke said that only one or two days’ notice was given that a session would be held at MaSU. UND only had 6 attend a session. AGB Search will be assisting with the search; they also worked with the VCSU Presidential search.
   b. SBHE will be requesting a change to open records rules regarding reviews of NDUS presidents. The reasoning is that difficult questions and harsh criticisms can be done in a more private environment. However, this could limit the public’s knowledge of what was exactly said. An open public record could have political ramifications.
   c. Tuitions and fee increases will be brought up again soon.
   d. The Higher Ed portion of the governor’s budget is looking “ok”.
   e. Questions:
      i. Pijning: Is the Faculty Representative excluded from SBHE executive sessions, e.g., during the debate over candidates for VCSU President.
         1. Answer: The full board is present, including the faculty and staff representatives, though the faculty and staff reps do not have a vote.
      ii. Quijano: Should CCF as a group think about what we want the Chancellor to do for us, e.g., funding for face-to-face meetings?
         1. Answer: We as a group should discuss and formally present to the SBHE as CCF. Any statement should be brought quickly, drafted and voted on by January. Also, we (CCF) should be able to ask any
Chancellor candidate how he or she would value CCF and the Faculty voice in NDUS matters.

iii. Petros: Is there a place in the NDUS constitution that spells out the role of Chancellor?
   1. Answer: Currently, the Chancellor is a coordinator. The SBHE hires and fires presidents; presidents are ultimately responsible to the SBHE. The Chancellor does the reviews of the presidents.

IV. Motor pool survey
   a. Ernst Pijning, MiSU, is coordinating a survey regarding motor pool use for academic and extra-curricular (non-sports) purposes and the ease, or lack of, to use state vehicles. President Quijano will send out the survey to CCF members to distribute through local listservs to each campus. Miller said it will bring the subject to the forefront and make all aware of possible effects of changes to state policy.

V. Dual credit: new HLC guidelines
   a. A change has been made to standards for students taking dual credit. Quijano wanted input from the other campuses. DSU feels that often times it had been taught by unqualified personnel but recently has improved. Bannier (LRSC) and Smith (NDSCS) felt dual credit is working at their institutions and instructors are required to hold master’s degrees.

VI. Agenda and activities for the January 2015 CCF meeting, face-to-face, Bismarck
   a. The January 2015 meeting will be in Bismarck to coincide with the SBHE meeting. The goal will be to keep information flowing. Miller said some of our communications issues will be helped with a FTF meeting.
   b. We will be attending the SBHE meeting and introduce ourselves. If able, we should try to attend some of the legislature.

VII. All-faculty meeting: survey of faculty about alternative dates- see end of meeting notes.

VIII. Meeting times for CCF in 2015-16
   a. Discussion held about CCF meeting times as to whether there are any better times to meet. However, each campus has slightly different schedules and there probably isn’t a “perfect” time.

IX. Contact with faculty senate presidents
   a. CCF members reported about contact with their campus’ faculty president. Answers varied. Miller (NDSU) reports to the Faculty Senate Executive committee and sometimes to the full Senate. Smith (NDSCS) said the CCF representative is a member of the Senate. Pijning (MiSU) reports to the Senate. Paschke (MaSU) reports to the Senate but is not a member of the Senate.

X. Items from the floor
a. Question from DSU regarding accountability and rules for using discretionary funds for academically related social events, such as graduation receptions. Each campus had different answers. Some need many details about attendees, some require little or no details about a function.

b. Question about autonomy in scheduling issue. Pijning asked if flexibility in scheduling courses/classes between fall and spring semesters goes into effect will the whole system be required to have classes during the three week break between semesters? Will the time need to be increased to four weeks? Russ said that the issue has been brought to the AAC as a discussion to update the 1983 policy. She will be bringing information as to how it works in other states. Formal discussion will be at the January 6 meeting. Russi asked why a change was needed. The SBHE approves the calendar two years in advance and is approved by the governor.

c. All-faculty conference. Concerns were raised by Russ and Pijning about willingness of faculty to attend on the designated dates (May 19 & 20, 2015). However, Chancellor Skogen didn’t want to have a conference cause cancellation of classes. After much discussion, a motion was made by Pijning, seconded by Jendrysik, to postpone the All-Faculty Conference. Motion carried.

XI. Adjournment

a. Motion by Jendrysik, seconded by Russ to adjourn.

XII. Next meeting will be January 29, 2015 in Bismarck.

Submitted by Greta Paschke (MaSU), CCF Secretary