Student Affairs Council Minutes
April 4, 2012
Bismarck State College

Members Present
Donna Fishbeck, BSC
Paula Berg, DCB
Hal Haynes, DSU
Randy Fixen, LRSC
Ray Gerszewski, MaSU
Prakash Mathew, NDSU
Philip Parnell, NDSCS
Michel Hillman, NDUS
Wanda Meyer, WSC

Others Present
Janet Green, MiSU
David Henry, MiSU
Rebecca Duben-Kalash, NDUS
Marcia Foss, VCSU

There were no additions or corrections to the draft minutes from the March 8, 2012 minutes. The minutes, were by consensus, approved as presented.

Hillman and the council members made comments on the Joint AAC/SAC meeting. Hillman said that next time it would be a good idea to have a full evening of a social before discussing issues in a meeting format.

NDUS Procedure 402.9 was added to the agenda.

AAC – The council just met yesterday. Policy 402.9 and 906 were requested to be pulled off the board agenda for further discussion with the councils.

Interim – The next meeting is scheduled for April 17 and 18. Hillman said that he sent out the agenda electronically. He went through the proposed interim agenda.

Board – The board meeting is scheduled for next week in Williston. The attendees will get to see firsthand what is happening in the oil patch. Chancellor Shirvani will be in town and present at the board meeting. He will be spending a week in the state in April, May and June. Hillman said that this will be a good opportunity to work on transition issues as we move ahead. Dr. Shirvani will be speaking at the Retention Summit in May.

Cabinet – The cabinet met a week ago and had an extensive discussion on the DSU audit and what it means to the system. Many of the issues in the DSU audit are issues at other campuses. DSU is not alone. Hillman said he gave a report on the Employee Tuition Waiver Task Force. There was good extended discussion by the presidents on this. The task force is looking at two options right now. Currently there is a work group working on performance funding. Marsha Krotseng is chairing the group. Lots of time was spent on a number of policy issues.

Student Health Insurance Task Force – Hillman said that the task force is going through the bidding process and doing great work.
NDHECSAP – The Consortium’s Strategic Planning Session is in conjunction with the Retention Summit in Bismarck in May.

ASTEP Program – Janet Green gave background on the ASTEP program at MiSU. Currently, there are three students on the campus taking part in this. Competitive employment is the outcome of the program. Grant funding ends after five yrs. Green said that they are trying to get sustainability up and going and getting in to the high schools so that students with intellectual disabilities can take these courses and see this as a future option for them. This program is catching on slowly. She said that more meetings are needed, and it is a slow process, but slow is good. Students in this program aren’t required to take prerequisites.

The council will continue to receive updates at the end of the semester or academic year from Green. Hillman asked that she send updates to Duben-Kalash to send to the listserv.

NDSA – The council went over the resolution that was included in the materials. The NDSA resolution was also sent to Administrative Affairs, Academic Affairs, Randall Thursby and Ann Smith.

NDUS Policies and Procedures – The council went over the changes to NDUS Procedure 402.1.2 – Placement Scores – English Scores. This procedure will be effective for all students in Fall 2012 term.

It was moved by Gerszewski, seconded by Fixen, to support AAC action in delaying the implementation of Policy 402.9 and 906. Motion passed unanimously.

The council had discussion on both policies. They did have a few edits for 402.9.

1. Section 2, last sentence, the use of “must be” and “if necessary” in the same sentence needs to be changed
2. Section 3, last sentence, capitalize the word “internet”
3. Section 3, last sentence, change ILETS to IELTS (International English Language Testing System)
4. Section 5, council members were not comfortable with the word prohibited

The next meeting is May 10 via conference call.

The meeting adjourned at noon.