Student Affairs Council Minutes
October 14, 2010
Bismarck State College

Members Present
Donna Fishbeck, BSC
Paula Berg, DCB
Hal Haynes, DSU
Randy Fixen, LRSC (via phone)
Ray Gerszewski, MaSU (via phone)
Dick Jenkins, MiSU
Prakash Mathew, NDSU
Robert Boyd, UND
Glen Schmaltz, VCSU
Michel Hillman, NDUS

Others Present
Rebecca Duben-Kalash, NDUS
Jane Vangsness Frisch, NDUS
Jacob Holm, NDSA
Michelle Eslinger, UND
Patricia Campbell, UND
Julie Teneson, UND
Amanda Bentow, UND

Hillman called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Jenkins asked for a minute on the Enterprise student rental car issue. Hillman said that Pat Seaworth and Cynthia Wagner Goulet would join the council later.

There were no corrections to the draft minutes from the September 9, 2010 SAC meetings. The minutes were, by consensus, approved as presented.

Updates
Legislative – Hillman said that the Interim Higher Education Committee just had their final meeting. There was one recommendation for a bill to study developmental education.

Board – The next board meeting will be in Grand Forks in November.

Cabinet – The cabinet meeting will be next week. Hillman said that there is a lot of work to be done on the Executive Compensation Committee and there is a disconnect between what the committee chair wants and what the presidents desire.

AAC – Hillman said that AAC just met via conference call. They had the usual academic requests. In addition, some policy and procedure issues were discussed. One of them related to the calculations for CUM and institutional GPA. There was good feedback from the registrars on the changes to this policy. Hillman said that Lisa Johnson has been asked to work with the English and math academic discipline groups. Beginning in Fall 2012, there will be mandatory placement into developmental or college courses based on ACT scores. He said there was a draft procedure that was circulated at the meeting that included cut scores for exams other than ACT.
subtests. Hillman said we will look at COMPAS, PLAN scores, Accuplacer and other things that are comparable to ACT scores. He said the intention is not to force students to retake the ACT exam. He said that Johnson has also been asked to be involved with looking at articulation and transfer with other states. The system does have other states that are identified with system transfer, i.e. Washington and South Dakota. Systemwide articulation agreements for Montana, Oregon and California are currently being looked at. There was discussion on fine tuning these procedures. Hillman said these articulation and transfer agreements will be going to the cabinet in October.

Hillman said he was in a regional meeting a couple weeks ago and WICHE applied for a grant to look at regional transfer concepts. Hillman said that the NDUS is already doing this on a one sided basis. The NDUS already accepts Washington and other states. The next step is to have a regional understanding and agreement.

Boyd said if you look at the research on transfer students the primary deciding factor is how quickly you respond to their questions on the work they have already completed and how that might be applicable at the institution they want to transfer to. He said that these agreements really help make that clear and you can respond quickly to students. Mathew said there is a book called *Crossing the Finish Line* that has a wonderful chapter about transfer students. Boyd said that the 2010 Fall Enrollment Report should be coming out fairly soon and that it would be interesting to see what kind of increase we have across the system in online students. He said that he thinks we are going to continue to see an increase in that. Boyd said that as these numbers get larger we need to make sure we are doing a good job in helping these students who are exclusively online.

**NDHECSAP**

Vangsness Frisch talked about the 2010 ND Core Drug and Alcohol Survey that will be administered shortly and shared a timeline with the council. Council members commended Vangsness Frisch’s on her work with this survey. She said that this survey is still administered by paper and pencil because of the great response rate. She said that it is not online because it is too costly and the core institute is not set up to make it any easier. In 2012, we are required to do this survey again. Hopefully by that time, they have that online capability.

Vangsness Frisch said that getting biennial reviews up to date are in full swing. These reviews are required to be done and in their designated places by December 31, 2010. She said that she was invited to speak at the NDSU Town Hall Meeting on Monday to talk about alcohol and other drugs. She said it was a very good meeting. Vangsness Frisch said that the legislative subcommittee of the consortium has met since July and a few things have been identified that would be priority legislation to bring on some changes in our campus communities related to alcohol and other drugs. She said that other entities were providing the leadership on legislative topics. The consortium will be able to provide support and help provide data to those specific groups.

Vangsness Frisch discussed the fake ID legislation. She said in ND Century Code it is illegal for the bartender to take an ID away from the underage person. The ND Police Chiefs’ Association will introduce this legislation. This legislation will let students know that they will be held
accountable. She said that false IDs are more frequent than fake ids. Vangsness Frisch said there was a discussion on Monday night regarding the social host law. She said that this law allows a person to be prosecuted if there are underage individuals drinking on their property whether they know about it or not. Legislators are bringing this forth. Hillman felt that the legislative support was great. Mathew commented on Vangsness Frisch’s presentation and how well she did. Hillman suggest that he and Vangsness Frisch work on a way to quickly and seamlessly respond to proposed bills that may come forward during session.

Vangsness Frisch talked about K2 or synthetic marijuana. She said that it is sold as incense and looks very much like marijuana. She said there are many different street names for it. K2 is sold legally in Minnesota and was sold legally in ND until October. VCSU had a student taken to the emergency room because of using synthetic marijuana. The student had a very bad reaction to it. Hospitals are seeing a lot of these incidents. Vangsness Frisch said that at the time it wasn’t a controlled substance so no charges were brought against the student. She said that as of October 1 it is again a controlled and illegal substance in ND. She said that she has contacted the attorney general’s office to get the exact ruling on this; she has not heard anything yet. Vangsness Frisch said that K2 is very scary because students and front line responders don’t know what it is; the allergic reaction is very concerning. K2 also does not show up on a drug test. Vangsness Frisch said that they are seeing it in high schools and college levels.

System Technology Functionality
Larson talked about the tutorial services for students called SmartThinking. SmartThinking has been used for a number of years by at least five campuses. These campuses have individual contracts with them. SmartThinking is a 24/7 tutorial service that is provided. Like most services, it is not free. Larson said that there may be advantages if we consider a system approach.

Hillman said that the board recently adopted mandatory placement into either developmental or college courses based on ACT subtest scores for English or math. This will take effect Fall 2011. AAC is looking at co-enrollment. This will require that students who have developmental needs to get those addressed. Hillman said that we would like the students to get these issues addressed before they come to us in high school but that is not necessarily going to happen. He said that the issue of developmental placement has led us into discussions with the Office of Adult Education, DPI and the Center for Distance Education, ITD. The Office of Adult Education has offices across the state who help students brush up on developmental courses. They are limited on resources so they have been turning students away. Hillman said that the Center for Distance Education helps students who need a course, but does not have it available to them from the local high school. Larson said that there are some discussions going on with Pearson for MyFoundationsLab. Student can pay money and connect electronically to the textbook. Hillman said the thing he liked about Pearson is that they have worked with other states and developed a way to quickly access students if a student has developmental needs. Students can take specific modules to address their deficiency. Students get reassessed and these reassessments have been recognized by other states as the equivalent of the ACT subtest scores. Hillman said that they are looking at starting a pilot by next spring. The Center for Distance Education and the Office of Adult Education are very interested in the concept.
Larson discussed the first systemwide meeting of the Non Traditional No More meeting in VCSU. This is a WICHE supported project underwritten by the Lumina Foundation. Non Traditional No More is targeting adult students who have been in school and got within 75 percent of degree but for some reason had to pause. Larson said that this is not only an issue in ND but everywhere in the nation. He said that there is a new initiative that the NDUS is going to be a part of that is coming forward to work with the same population. This new piece deals with five areas for adult returning students. They are 1) data, 2) academic affairs, 3) financial aid, 4) student affairs, and 5) the ability to communicate and market potential. These five pieces will be discussed in VCSU.

The Gates Foundation just announced a significant amount of money they want to put in to improve higher education. Larson said there will be discussions on how we may be involved as a system. Of the four initiatives they have got going, the one that got his attention is common course development. Institutions will have the opportunity to sit down and try to put together an agreed upon template on what the course content should be.

**Rental Car to Students**

Wagner Goulet joined the council to discuss the auto rental car company Enterprise. She said that they have offered to do business with a couple of the campuses specifically for students who don’t qualify to use state fleet vehicles. Hillman said that the reason we have the state fleet problem with students using state fleet vehicles is because students are not serving a state employee function. How can we provide this service to student groups, but not have liability to the institution or state? Most car rental agencies don’t lease to persons under a certain age but the information she received yesterday is that Enterprise would waive the age restriction issue for students who need to drive. Wagner Goulet said that she has learned that Oregon is the holder of the master contract through Western States Contracting Alliance. WSCA has the master contract which is with Enterprise, Hertz and National Car Rental for use by state employees who are driving on official state business.

She conversed with Dawn Roller who is the regional sales representative with Enterprise. Wagner Goulet said that Enterprise is able to offer the same discounted rates to official student organizations. She said that even though students would get the discounted rate they wouldn’t be covered under the state insurance policy. The student would need to purchase liability insurance when driving the rental car. Mathew and Jenkins said that the prices that were given to them for the student rental of a vehicle included the liability insurance. Wagner Goulet said that they will continue to get answers to these questions. Many campuses have no access to Enterprise, Hertz or National Car Rental companies in their town.

**Public Health Task Force**

NDUS campus representatives joined the call via IVN. Hillman said that discussions have been initiated with the Department of Health in terms of our policies on health particularly as it relates to students and faculty, international students and faculty and students and faculty who travel. He said that our view from current board policy is quite narrow, so it was time to take a fresh look at the policy. He said that we need to have a more global view of health issues to make sure that we are current–given changes in health situations and policies that are happening nationally and in the state.
Kirby Kruger led the discussion on public health issues. He said that a couple weeks ago discussions were started regarding some policies that the NDUS has in place regarding immunization and TB screening practices. He said lots of good input on the policies was received from individuals who were in attendance at the first meeting. Kruger said that we need to take a more comprehensive approach to the policy as far as health and prevention. He said that he had sat down with Dr. Dwelle and jotted down ideas for the policy. He handed these ideas out and went through them with the council. Kruger said that there are a couple things not on list – primary, secondary and tertiary prevention. He said the challenge is what are the things that we think are priority or important enough to put into policy. He said the fact that it is put in to policy indicates that the NDUS is saying it is an important part of college life.

Fishbeck said there are some challenges since BSC doesn’t have a health facility on campus. As we do policy one size does not fit all the campuses. Hillman said the important function of this discussion is raising the level of awareness. He said a big part of what we are doing with the boards budget request is getting that equity funding to campuses so they have resources and hopefully if there is need we are working at getting some of those discretionary resources.

Hillman said the NDUS and DOH is looking at putting together a workgroup on health and wellness issues in general. He suggested getting people who are most knowledgeable and interested in moving this discussion forward. Hillman asked if there was anything that can come out of these discussions that might suggest consideration of changing state law. Kruger said that in terms of a public health perspective certainly not.

Suggested NDUS representation for this workgroup would include an invitation to Bill Burns; Paula Berg - represent campuses with minimal health services on campus; Jane Vangsness Frisch – represent current efforts on in abuse prevention; Ronnie Walker – represent international student services group. NDUS, UND, and student representatives are still needed. Hillman suggested having a co-chair situation that has someone from DOH and the NDUS to work together to set agendas and collect background materials for this workgroup. Hillman said that he would brief the chancellor on all this and expect he would provide to the council and Dr. Dwelle a charge to the workgroup. The workgroup discussion would look at wrapping up and getting a report done by the end of the spring term. Other issues for the workgroup to discuss would include CEO Gold Standard Program issues, ACIP recommendation and to have a data driven evidence based approach. The group would connect with UND’s health summit from a few years ago to see what lessons learned or suggestions received out of that.

Kruger handed out the organizational chart for DOH and went through it with the council. He wanted to make sure the council was familiar with how DOH was organized and that they do have resources in many of the different areas within the health department. He said that they are willing to provide assistance and help out with whatever they can.

**Student Affairs Discussion Paper Update**

Mathew reported that everything is set to go for the IVN presentation of the Student Affairs Discussion Papers on December 9. The presentation will be recorded. Duben-Kalash will get DVDs made of each presentation. Hillman asked if this is something we want to have the chancellor invite the presidents to. Mathew said that they would welcome that.
NDUS Student Retention Summit
Hillman said that he did not have anything new to report except that he did get the chancellors commitment to support the System Retention Summit. He said that he will continue discussion with Dr. Vincent Tinto to have him come in late April or early May. He said that this would be SAC’s spring event and they would not have a separate SAC professional development conference. Hillman said he mentioned this to AAC at its last meeting via conference call but did not get much of a response.

Announcements
Boyd said that the second candidate for his job is in this week. He said the third and last candidate will be in next. Boyd said that all three candidates are from out of state. He said that two of the candidates are from Kansas and another is from Alabama. Boyd said that based on what he has been told they will have a recommendation to the president at the end of October. A decision should be made by the president by the first or second week of November.

Future Meetings
The next council meeting will be held via conference call on November 8.

The council adjourned at 3:00.