Meeting with Student Representatives


Absent: James Dowe, Susan Gendron, Tamera Grieshaber, Kevin McCarthy, and Lyndel Wishcamper.

Trustee Fournier called the meeting to order and welcomed the two new student representatives: Eli Yoder from UMF and Bernice Michaud from UMFK. The Student Representatives introduced themselves.

A general discussion took place on the following items:

**Strengthening advising and course schedules**
- Use underclass students to help with advising
- Start early by advising high school juniors and seniors
- Faculty need good information in order to provide proper advising

**Allowing students to plan more readily by placing frequency of course offerings online**
- Have this information somewhere online before the portal is launched
  
  Rosa Redonnett
  - Suggested adding something into the catalog planning on the frequency of course offerings until a portal is in place.
  
  Selma Botman, President at USM
  - These tools are important for the students to be successful

**Funding formula**
- Concerns were raised about allocation of funding & the 12/5 academic policy

Chancellor Pattenaude
- Additional State funding will be needed in order to adjust the funding formula
- The Strategic Investment Fund will help but this has been delayed because of the financial challenges
- The 12/5 policy has specific guidelines and courses will not be eliminated without going through an extensive process. There will be some flexibility but resources need to be used strategically.
President Selma Botman, USM  
  o  Explained the difference between a major and a department. The campus mission is linked with the majors the campus offers

Rebecca Dyer, Student Representative - UM  
  •  Explained the day several students spent at the Legislature hosted by John Lisnik

Nathan Grant, Graduate Student Representative - USM  
  •  Thanked the Board, Chancellor, System staff for the public sessions on the New Challenges, New Directions Initiative

Eli Yoder, Student Representative - UMF  
  •  There is a high level of fear that degree programs may be eliminated

Chancellor Pattenaude  
  o  Explained the lengthy process required for program eliminations

Julie-Ann Scott, Graduate Student Representative - UM  
  •  Asked about the Strategic Investment Fund changes and how will the funds be distributed

Chancellor Pattenaude  
  o  Explained the Fund has changed from $5.8 million to $1 million in the first year and it will be 1% of appropriations thereafter.  
  o  Examples of how the Fund could be used include: supporting the portal project, increasing allied health programs, expanding the Polycom system to offer more online courses, or to offer an executive MBA program across the state.

Summer Meredith, Student Representative - UMM  
  •  Inquired how the 3 year degrees will be accomplished

Chancellor Pattenaude  
  •  A degree in three years requires the student to choose to attend school 12 months a year and the UMS will ensure the courses needed are offered in the summer.

  •  Will the 3 year degree have an impact on the Community Colleges

Chancellor Pattenaude  
  •  The Community Colleges are at capacity and turning students away  
  •  Each campus will be submitting proposals for which programs can be offered as 3 year degrees

Rebecca Wyke  
  •  The 3 year degrees would be a benefit for Allied Health Professions

Richard Cost, President UMFK,  
  •  UMFK is looking at a 3 year option for their Nursing Program
Trustee Johnson

- Feels it is important and beneficial to get the students involved with the Legislature
- Asked about a follow-up issue from the last meeting – if any of the student representatives have had speaking engagements at their former high schools
  - Dustin Ward reported that he spoke with junior and senior students at his former high school in Presque Isle and that it was a beneficial and rewarding experience.

Adjournment.

Ellen Doughty for
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