ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL
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The minutes of May 2 were approved with correction of BioBus grant amount to $1.2M.

System Academic Affairs/Student Services Officers Meeting

Dr. Henry shared comments made by Senior Vice Chancellor Papp at the system chief academic affairs/student services officers meeting regarding budgetary matters: (a) OPB approvals of new hires were taking approximately 3 weeks; (b) budget outlook was bleak for next 2 years; and (c) system officials remained hopeful of $30M one-time infusion from supplemental budget in March 2002. Dr. Patton noted Governor Barnes had confirmed his intention to request $30M for the system. Dr. Patton added that in the future there would be growth dollars only, not a permanent fix by the legislature.

Dr. Henry also reported the system comprehensive program review would be targeted at degree programs having fewer than 10 graduates and 15 majors per year. He pointed out 51 of 59 foreign language programs and 21 of 25 mathematics programs would trigger reviews for justification of continuance under this rule. Dr. Abdelal indicated only Spanish would meet the graduate and major target numbers here. He voiced concern about the effect on efforts to add foreign languages. Dr. Henry cited the need to count minors (e.g., students preparing to be teachers of foreign languages). He also cautioned the system software would not count double majors toward the numbers for two different degree programs. Dr. Crimmins observed the review triggers do not take into account whether departments offer courses in the core.

Dr. Henry stated admissions criteria were being revised relative to K-12 academic electives with requirements of 16 CPC courses for two-year colleges, 17 CPC courses for regional universities, and 18 CPC courses for research universities.

Chancellor Search

Dr. Hudson presented an update on the search for a successor to Chancellor Portch. Dr. Hudson outlined the process to be followed, with head hunters to submit 20 names to an advisory committee and the full Board of Regents to interview the top 3 candidates. Dr. Patton spoke for finding candidates with experience heading a large research university and with an understanding of fund-raising and teacher education. Dr. McGinnis asked about the timeline for the search. Dr. Hudson responded that the advisory committee would report August 6, and the Board of Regents would review the report August 9-10 with the objective of interviewing in September and hiring October or November. Dr. Patton asked if the advisory committee would interview candidates. Dr. Hudson replied the advisory committee had requested its inclusion in the interviews. Dr. Crimmins asked if Governor Barnes would be interviewing candidates. Dr. Hudson responded that any interviews with the Governor would be informal since the Board of Regents is independent. Dr. Scott asked about the principals from Kearney working with the
search. Dr. Hudson replied the principal was Shelley Wise. Dr. Patton emphasized the importance of nominating outstanding prospects.

Faculty-Staff Campaign

Dr. McGinnis reported the Faculty-Staff Campaign had reached $335K with 76% participation. He applauded in particular the participation rates for Health & Humans Sciences, Law, Student Services, and Information Systems & Technology. Dr. McGinnis announced a CASE award for the campaign.

Introductions

Dr. Patton welcomed Dr. Moore, the new Associate Dean of the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, and Dr. Colarusso, the newly appointed Dean of the College of Education.

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