

Saint Paul College President's Advisory Council
Thursday, November 10, 2016
4:00pm -6:00pm
Room #3320

Present: Gaye Adams-Massey, Cecile Bedor, David Berg, Audrey Bergengren, June Berkowitz, Dan Bostrom, John Brodrick, Greg Buck, Dan Cherryhomes, Rassoul Dastmozd, Emmanuel Donaby, Jean Echternacht, Paul Huot, Kelly Jacobson, Nate Keith, Laura King, Linda Kingston, Joe Kroeger, Lee Krueger, Theresa Malone, Ryan O'Connor, Jon Peterson, Mary Rothchild, Pat Ryan, Laura Savin, Rachelle Schmidt, Ed Schones, Erica Schumacher, Tanaya Walker, Scott Wilson, and Tracy Wilson.

Absent: Lea Hargett, Bernie Hesse, Don Mullin, Rena Moran and George Watson.

Introductions and Welcome

Review and Approval of May 19, 2016 Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. O'Connor to approve the meeting minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bostrom. *The motion passed.*

Review and Approval of Meeting Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Bostrom to approve the meeting agenda with flexibility. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brodrick. *The motion passed.*

New and Vacant Positions – Nominations for New Members

President Dastmozd brought forward two nominations for new members: Mr. Lee Kruger, President and CEO of St. Paul Port Authority and Dr. Autumn Zehren, Director of Practice and Innovation at HealthEast Care System. Both nominations were approved by the nomination committee last summer.

A motion was made by Mr. Berg to approve Mr. Krueger's membership to the President's Advisory Council. The motion was seconded by Mr. O'Connor. *The motion passed.*

A motion was made by Mr. Berg to approve Dr. Zehren's membership to the President's Advisory Council. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cherryhomes. *The motion passed.*

State of the College – President Dastmozd

Interim Positions

President Dastmozd announced that since the departure of Dr. Kelly Murtaugh, Vice President of Student and Academic Affairs, there has been a temporary change in leadership. Dr. Linda Kingston, former Dean of STEM, has accepted the position of Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs. Dr. Kristen Raney, Dean of Student Engagement, Persistence and Success has accepted the role of Interim Vice President of Student Affairs. Ms. Tracy Wilson, Dean of Workforce Training and Continuing Education, has accepted the role of Interim Dean of STEM until the new VP of Academic Affairs has been hired. The College will conduct a national search to fill the vacant position with a suggested start date of July 1.

Potential Partnership with a Community Partner

President Dastmozd shared with the group that Saint Paul College is in the beginning stages of developing a partnership with Higher Ground Academy (HGA), Charter School (K-12). With the partnership, Saint Paul College would sell a small parcel of the land where the CLC building is located. In turn, Higher ground Academy will construct a two story building at this site. President stated that we will

need to obtain permission from the Board of Trustees of Minnesota State College and Universities System. This new charter school will serve 450 seventh through 12 grade students. HGA curriculum would focus on healthcare, medical careers, and STEM and would provide a direct pathway to Saint Paul College. Proceeds from the sale would directly benefit the College and would be used to upgrade aging facilities and improve efficiencies.

Mr. John Brodrick expressed his concerns that fact he had only heard about the possibility of the new building a week ago and the fact that SPPS hadn't been consulted. He stated that he felt that with this partnership, the existing relationships with other schools in the SPPS system would be strained. Mr. Jon Peterson echoed Mr. Brodrick's concerns and asked if there was a specific reason that SPPS wasn't chosen. President Dastmozd replied that HGA initiated the conversation about the new building, SPC was not looking to sell any property.

President Advisory Council asked for clarification about the partnership between HGA and Saint Paul College by posing the following questions noted below:

1. Who owns Higher Ground Academy Charter School?
2. Based on the answers to question number one, who is benefitting from this partnership?
3. Who will own the land that Saint Paul College is being asked to sell?
4. Why is Saint Paul College partnering with HGA and not another Public Charter School?
5. What will happen to new HGA Charter School facilities which is being proposed to be built on grounds of Saint Paul College if HGA will need to expand or simply face foreclosure in the future?
6. How does HGA provide and guarantee equal access to ALL students who want to pursue their secondary education

President Dastmozd will clarify and updated everyone at the next meeting. He reminded everyone that the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Board of Trustees must approve the land transaction before we can move with the construction phase and fully execute this partnership between Saint Paul College and the Higher Ground Academy.

Legislative Priorities

President Dastmozd shared with the group a draft of the 2017-2018 Legislative priorities. Currently Minnesota State serves just over 396,000 students between the 37 Colleges and Universities. This session, Minnesota State is asking for \$173 million; Saint Paul College would receive roughly \$2 million in 2017 and 43.8/3.9 million in 2019. More information will be available as the session approaches. It is imperative to keep tuition in check and affordable for our students while ensuring access to students.

Budget 2016-2017

Mr. Scott Wilson shared a document that detailed the financial outlook for the College as it relates to enrollment and tuition for the 2017 and 2018 fiscal year. Mr. Wilson explained that even though Summer and Fall 2016 FYE was higher than expected, the College is still experiencing a budget deficit. The finance team will be working with deans, directors and faculty to find cost saving measures and assist enrollment staff to ensure full classes and programs.

Scholarship Gala

The Saint Paul College Scholarship Gala is on Thursday, December 1 at 5:30pm. The goal is to raise \$200,000 in scholarships for existing and future students. Currently \$92K has been raised. This year's Gala will feature a live and silent auction, food prepared by the culinary students and Mr. Emmanuel

Donaby will be speaking. Ms. Savin shared that there are still a few tickets available and those who would like to purchase a ticket should contact the Foundation Office.

IT Update

Ms. Kelly Jacobson shared the PowerPoint that the Saint Paul College IT team presented at the MN State Security Retreat in October. The Presentation detailed the 5-layer protection approach to keep the College's data safe and secure. Ms. Jacobson shared that the College has one of the top security systems in the State and that many colleges and universities have asked for help from SPC IT team. The PowerPoint can be accessed through the President's Advisory Council Portal.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:00pm**Minutes Submitted by Maggie Soukup**