

Saint Paul College President's Advisory Council
Thursday, March 23, 2017
4:00-6:00pm
Conference Room #3320

Present: Cecile Bedor, David Berg, Audrey Bergengren, June Berkowitz, Dan Bostrom, John Brodrick, Greg Buck, Dan Cherryhomes, Paul Huot, Laura King, Linda Kingston, Lee Kruger, Theresa Malone, Don Mullin, Ryan O'Connor, Jon Peterson, Najam Saeed, Rachelle Schmidt, Ed Schones, Erica Schumacher, Tanaya Walker, Scott Wilson, Tracy Wilson, and Autumn Zehren.

Absent: Emmanuel Donaby, Lea Hargett, Bernie Hesse, Nate Keith, Gaye Adams Massey, Rena Moran, Mary Rothchild, Pat Ryan, and George Watson.

Phoned in: Jean Echternacht and Joe Kroeger.

Guests: Sarah Carrico.

Review and Approval of January 26, 2017 Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Berg to approve the January meeting minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Mr. Peterson. The motion was **approved**.

Review and Approval of March 23, 2017 Meeting Agenda

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

Special Presentation and Tour – Health Science and Alliance Center Building and Program Report

Dr. Kingston led a tour through the new Health Science and Alliance Center and explained where each of the new and existing programs and classes will be held throughout the building. A complete list can be found [here](#).

State of the College – Update on Potential Partnership with Higher Ground Academy

President Dastmozd explained that the potential partnership with HGA is still in the processing and research stage. HGA is meeting and working with the city, neighborhood, and school board to address questions and concerns about sale and renovating of the CLC building. President Dastmozd also shared that the College will be hiring a land surveyor to verify the boundaries of the land and buildings that are currently owned by the College. He added that no decision has been made and clarified that the decision rests solely on the Minnesota State Board. Mr. Brodrick voiced his concern about the idea of selling a piece of valuable state property to a charter school. President Dastmozd reiterated that no decision has been made and that the intent of this partnership is to help local students, the community and the College. Mr. Peterson asked if there will be a public hearing when the land goes up for sale. President Dastmozd said that if the process moves forward there will be a public sale and all are welcome. President Dastmozd will provide an update as more information becomes available.

Legislative Priorities Update 2017-2018

President Dastmozd stated that there is no new update on what funding Minnesota State will receive. He will communicate more information as soon as possible.

Legislative Breakfast Debrief

President Dastmozd shared that the 2017 Legislative Breakfast brought 12 Legislators and approximately 80 guests to campus. During the Breakfast guests heard from a panel of 3 employers who currently employ SPC graduates: Mo-Tech, Hunt Electric, and Fairview Hospital. President Dastmozd will continue to invite elected officials to campus to showcase the College and students.

Strategic Plan Review and Communication Timeline – Dr. Laura King

Dr. King shared that the Saint Paul College Strategic Plan has been sent to marketing and will soon be going to print. She explained that over the past couple of months over 600 hours have been spent working on the plan. Dr. King is hopeful that the plan will be finished and ready to distribute in early May.

Website Update – Ms. Audrey Bergengren

Ms. Bergengren reported that the Website Redesign team just completed a yearlong overhaul to the Saint Paul College website. She explained that the site is now responsive, student centered, and that the navigation was created completely from scratch. The site has been live for approximately 2 months and the team continues to accept suggestions and feedback regarding the site.

Enrollment Update – Ms. Sarah Carrico

Ms. Carrico shared that summer 2017 enrollment has been open for approximately a month and is currently sitting at 257 FYE. She explained that in order to reach the 454 FYE goal her team is looking at how to target various age groups, promoting new programs, and getting faculty and staff more involved with enrollment efforts. Ms. Carrico's enrollment update presentation can be found [here](#).

Budget Consultation Presentation 2017-2018 – Ms. Scott Wilson

Mr. Scott Wilson reviewed the FY18 Budget Consultation presentation with the group. He shared that in 2016, for the first time in 3 years, the College exceed the budgeted FYE for the year. He credits the addition of new programs, conscious efforts in recruitment and enrollment, and conservative budgeting practices. Mr. Wilson also shared that for FY18 the goal is 4410 FYE. The presentation can be found [here](#).

Wall of Fame, Joint Board Meeting, Gala Update – President Dastmozd

President Dastmozd reminded everyone that the Wall of Fame event, honoring Alumnus of the Year Ms. Pamela Wellumson and Community Partner of the Year Representative Alice Hausman, is Thursday, April 13 and the joint President's Advisory Council and Friends of Saint Paul College Foundation Board meeting is Wednesday, April 19. President Dastmozd also announced that the 2017 Scholarship Gala will be held Thursday, December 7. Save the date cards will be available at the joint board meeting.

Human Resources Update – Ms. Rachelle Schmidt

Ms. Schmidt shared that the interviews for the Vice President of Academic Affairs are underway. First round interviews are have been conducted and final interviews are in the process of being scheduled. Ms. Schmidt is expecting to start the first round interviews for the Vice President of Student Affairs in approximately 3 -4 weeks. President Dastmozd will provide email updates as plans are solidified.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00pm
Minutes submitted by Maggie Soukup