

President's Advisory Council  
Thursday, November 15, 2012  
Conference Room 3320

Present: Kay Baker, Cecile Bedor, David Berg, Dan Bostrom, John Brodrick, Greg Buck, Rassoul Dastmozd, Emmanuel Donaby, Darlene Fry, Shaan Hamilton, Lea Hargett, Paul Huot, Phoua Kong, Joseph Kroeger, Marilyn Krasowski, Lorrie Louder, Tom Matos, Heather McGannon, Dorothy Richburg, Najam Saeed, Laura Savin, Rachelle Schmidt, Ed Schones, Kim Stecher, and George Watson

Absent: Karl Benson, Harry Melander, Jean Ness, and Erica Schumacher

Excused: Bernie Hesse, Nancy Jacobsen, Christina McCoy, Erin Murphy, and Jean Shomphe

Kim Stecher called the meeting to order at 4:06pm.

**Approval of Agenda**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the November 15, 2012 agenda. *The motion carried.*

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the September 20, 2012 minutes. *The motion carried.*

**General Discussion/Member Comments**

Phoua Kong : The College hosted an open house on November 14, 2012. It was very well organized and the facilities looked nice and clean.

**President's Report – Rassoul Dastmozd**

President Dastmozd reviewed the SharePoint document "President's Advisory Council Community Report." He has been meeting with numerous non-profit agencies and working to form partnerships and to create a pathway to education for their stakeholders. He and select members of Cabinet also met with four-year Colleges/Universities to explore on campus four-year degree opportunities for our students, and he attended numerous community events.

Rassoul announced that Saint Paul College and Minneapolis Community and Technical College jointly received \$100,000/each from the Bremer Foundation to use for Power of YOU scholarships.

**Faculty Presentation – Travis Mills**

Travis Mills is a chemistry instructor. He gave a presentation on the College's Instrumentation Lab (clean room). The Instrumentation Lab is a state-of-the-art facility. It is available for businesses to use and provides them with an access to a clean room. Companies provide research opportunities for students and students are given the opportunity to interact with companies through project collaboration.

Phoua Kong asked what happens if there are too many people who want to use the Instrumentation Lab. Heather McGannon replied that resources and timeframes are paired, making sure the projects work for both the College and the company.

Kim Stecher asked who the compliance company is that certifies the cleanroom. Travis indicated there are private companies that conduct clean room certifications.

### **Student Presentation – Josh Soderlund**

Josh Soderlund is a chemistry major student. After completion of his degree, he plans to transfer to the University of Minnesota. He has been doing projects for companies that use the clean room and this set of skills will be helpful to him at the University of Minnesota.

Phoua Kong asked what projects he has been working on and Josh replied he has been using the electronic microscope.

### **Industry Study Presentation – Lorrie Louder**

Lorrie Louder gave a PowerPoint presentation on a comprehensive study done by ICIC (Initiative for a Competitive Inner City). The purpose of the study was to develop an industrial strategy for Saint Paul by reviewing the city's industrial economy and making recommendations that would promote industrial activity in the city. She recognized Councilmember Dan Bostrom who served on the Board of Commissioners and Cecile Bedor for the City of Saint Paul's support.

Lorrie invited everyone to attend a ceremony celebrating the completion of the renovation of the 3M McKnight building on December 4, 2012 from 11-12:00 noon at the 3M site on Busch Avenue.

### **Legislative Agenda – President Dastmozd**

Rassoul asked the President's Advisory Council for their support of MnSCU's FY2014 and FY2015 Biennium Budget. MnSCU is developing a one page, back to back profile for each MnSCU college, which will be incorporated into a booklet that will be shared with legislators. Rassoul distributed a draft of Saint Paul College's profile. Once the booklet is completed, it will be shared with this group.

The SharePoint document "MnSCU 2014-15 Budget Request" was reviewed. MnSCU is asking for \$97M, which will be split between the two years. The request includes goals that MnSCU will need to meet. If MnSCU does not reach its first year's goals, it will not receive funding for the second year.

### **Budget and Facilities Update – VP Shaan Hamilton**

Shaan reviewed a SharePoint PowerPoint presentation. This presentation has been shared with students and faculty. It includes an overview of the budget process alignment for FY2013, alignment process for FY2014, and an update on Facilities Projects. Shaan asked for help from this group in advocating to the legislature on behalf of MnSCU and our College. Shaan distributed College bookmarks that include a list of talking points to use when communicating with legislators and the public. Legislators will be invited to tour our College in the spring semester.

Kim Stecher asked when the College receives the State allocated dollars and Shaan responded upfront in July.

### **Strategic Planning Workgroup – Dean Margie Tomsic**

Margie reviewed MnSCU Strategic Framework (draft) and Strategic Planning Update SharePoint documents. The Strategic Planning workgroup has met and is on schedule. The next meeting is on December 7, 2012.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 pm. Agenda items for the January 17, 2012 meeting will include a report on the Great Lakes Foundation grant.

Respectfully submitted by:  
June Schifsky