

President's Advisory Council  
March 27, 2014

Present: Cecile Bedor, Karl Benson, David Berg, John Brodrick, Sarah Carrico, Rassoul Dastmozd, Emmanuel Donaby, Darlene Fry, Shaan Hamilton, Paul Huot, Allan Ige, Nancy Jacobsen, Nate Keith, Joseph Kroeger, Theresa Malone, Tom Matos, Heather McGannon, Kelly Murtaugh, Laura Savin, Rachelle Schmidt, Ed Schones, Erica Schumacher, Kim Stecher, and Danielle Taylor

Excused: Dan Bostrom, Kay Baker, Greg Buck, Lea Hargett, Bernie Hesse, Lorrie Louder, Harry Melander, Rena Moran, Jean Ness, and Anthony Sawyer,

Absent: Jean Dunn and George Watson

Presenters: Shelley Bibeau, Sarah Carrico, Linda Kingston, and Pepe Wonosikou

Kim Stecher, served as chair of the meeting in Lorrie Louder's absence. The meeting was called to order at 4:05pm. Kim welcomed Danielle Taylor to the President's Advisory Council. Danielle is the Chief Program Officer for the YWCA of Saint Paul and will be completing Christina McCoy's term on the council. Everyone introduced themselves.

### **Approval of Agenda**

The Foundation Outreach Activities was moved to the end of the agenda. A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda. *The motion carried.*

### **Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the January 23, 2014 minutes as written. *The motion carried.*

### **Subcommittee to Fill Open Positions for 2014-15 – Kim Stecher**

Kim requested volunteers to serve on a subcommittee to fill the open positions on the President's Advisory Council. David Berg, Paul Huot, Theresa Malone, and Allan Ige volunteered. A subcommittee meeting will be called in late spring or early summer to recruit new members and develop nominees.

### **Workforce Development and Continuing Education – Interim Dean Heather McGannon**

Heather shared a PowerPoint presentation, which is in the President's Advisory Council SharePoint portal. The Workforce Training and Continuing Education division of the College helps businesses and organizations throughout the metro area stay informed and educated about advances and best practices pertinent to workplace skills, leadership, organizational sustainability, and business solutions. Personal enrichment coursework in a variety of disciplines is also offered as a commitment to lifelong learning for our community. Discussion and questions followed:

- It was asked how Heather recruits instructors to teach courses. Heather replied she recruits instructors from the College faculty and from the community.
- It was asked how many students the Workforce Training and Continuing Education division serves. Heather replied last year they serve 2,700 students and the number of courses offered is continuing to grow.

### **State of the College – President Rassoul Dastmozd**

President Dastmozd briefly reviewed the list of Community Activities, which is housed in the President's Advisory Council SharePoint portal. He has been meeting with elected officials to move forward the College's Capital Bonding requests which include: \$14,482,000 to build a new Health & Science Alliance Center; \$750,000 to renovate the CNC/Machine Tool Lab; and \$750,000 to renovate the

Culinary Arts Lab. The College is included in MnSCU's HEAPR request for \$1,015,000 to replace the west tower roof; \$985,000 to tuck-point and replace dilapidated bricks on the east tower; and \$800,000 to replace leaking windows on the first floor of the east tower. President Dastmozd has also been meeting with community organizations, education entities, and businesses to discuss partnerships.

### **Legislative Letters of Support – President Dastmozd**

Gregory Buck recently forwarded to the President's Advisory Council a draft letter of support for approval. If approved it would be forwarded, on behalf of the President's Advisory Council and Friends of Saint Paul College-Foundation, to Saint Paul College's legislators and to the Capital Investment Committee members asking them to support Saint Paul College's capital bonding requests. This letter outlines and includes Saint Paul College priorities that I discussed earlier in the State of The College segment of my presentation. A motion was made and seconded to approve the letters. *The motion carried.*

### **Great Lakes Grant – Associate Dean Shelley Bibeau and Grant Director Pepe Wonosikou**

The Great Lakes Grant is a one-year grant. The grant supports College Ready which is a college readiness initiative of Saint Paul College, in partnership with three St. Paul area high schools; Community of Peace, Hmong College Prep Academy, and Humboldt High School. The intent of College Ready grant initiative is to increase the academic preparedness of a cohort of underserved and underperforming tenth-grade students. Pepe shared a PowerPoint presentation which is in the President's Advisory Council SharePoint portal. Discussion and comments included:

- President Dastmozd indicated College Ready is a pilot program funded by the Great Lakes Grant and it is hoped they will fund the program for another year.
- It was asked if students, participating in the College Ready program, are within the St. Paul School district. Pepe responded that the students do live within the district and the program pays to bus them to the College.
- It was asked what the improvement percentages are. Pepe responded that 25% will be prepared to enroll in at least one developmental math or reading course and 75% will improve their placement scores.
- It was asked how it was determined that students in the College Ready program, are underserved and underperforming. Pepe responded that students in College Ready scored less than 50% in their reading and math assessment. The program enables them to improve their assessment scores.
- Tom Matos stated that College data shows that students who score in the lower level of reading and math assessment scores have a slim chance of being successful in College and this program helps them to assess to a higher level.

### **Itasca Project – Dean Linda Kingston**

The Itasca Project is a pilot program. It focuses on four areas: (a) academic planning, (b) career planning, (c) curriculum alignment, and (d) employer advisory activities. Participants in the pilot represent colleges, universities, employers, nonprofit organization and other state agencies. Our College is one of fifteen college/university participants and the only one to participate in all four pilot projects. Linda shared a PowerPoint presentation which is in the President's Advisory Council SharePoint portal. Each of the tools used in the project costs about \$4,000.

### **Finance/Facilities – Vice President Shaan Hamilton**

The College is working on aligning the FY 2015 budget. It is currently facing about a \$700,000 deficit mainly due to increased personnel compensation costs. Shaan shared a link to the College's FY2016-FY2017 Biennial Budget Development Process and Stakeholder feedback form. The College is looking for feedback from its stakeholders and Shaan asked the President's Advisory Council members to please complete the Stakeholder feedback form. This will be an agenda item at the May 8, 2014 President's Advisory Council meeting.

## **IPEDS (Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System) – Vice President Shaan Hamilton**

Shaan briefly reviewed the IPEDS report which is on the President's Advisory Council SharePoint portal. This is data collected yearly by the U.S. Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics. It is also available electronically for anyone who would like a copy.

## **Spring Semester Enrollment – Dean Sarah Carrico**

Sarah reviewed a Spring Semester 2014 Enrollment Report. This report posted in the President's Advisory Council SharePoint portal. Saint Paul College is the only metro College with positive enrollment growth and one of three MnSCU institutions with positive enrollment growth. Demographics show there will be a decrease in the number of high school graduates which will affect two-year college enrollments. The College is working on increasing retention to help offset a decrease in enrollment growth. Discussion and comments:

- Darlene Fry stated that much of the immigrant population does not recognize the value of a community college education.

## **Outreach – Foundation Executive Director Laura Savin**

Students will be performing the play "Table 12 A Play at a Wedding" by Ruth Virkus on Friday, March 28 and Saturday March 29 at 7:30pm in the Theatre. On Friday evening the play's author will be attending and the play will be followed by a reception. Both performances are free. We welcome you to attend and watch students' performance.

Laura invited everyone to the Saint Paul College Wall of Fame Recognition event on Thursday, April 17, 4-6 pm. The College and Friends of Saint Paul College Foundation will be honoring Nathaniel Khaliq as Alumnus of the Year and International Institute of Minnesota as community partner of the year. President's Advisory Council members are invited to the VIP reception from 4:15-4:45pm. Laura is looking for sponsors to help raise funds for scholarships. Sponsorships begin at \$500. Anyone interested in being a sponsor or knows of someone, should please contact Laura.

Copies of the Completion Champions Pledge were distributed. This is a pledge that Saint Paul College administrators, faculty, and staff took during spring semester and is a PTK student organization project.

## **Round Table Discussion**

Allan Ige believes there is a disconnect and a break in the system between grade school, high school, and post-secondary education, and that there needs to be more preventative measures taken to assist students in being successful.

Tom Matos stated that the College is working on retention, using social media as well as phone calls to reach students.

## **Adjournment**

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 5:53pm. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by:  
June Schifsky