

MAPE Meet & Confer

October 11, 2017 • 1:30-3:00 pm • Via ITV: Willmar Campus H139/Hutchinson 115

Present: Joe Opatz, Keith Balaski, Dan Holtz, Betty Strehlow and MAPE members (in no particular order) Janet Meier, Sheila Saiko, Dave Fischer, Terry Grinde, Susie Olson, Jay Morrison, Teren Novotny, Lorna King, Jehana Schwandt, Matt Roberts and Kelly Gibbons-MAPE Representative.

Presidential Search

Keith Balaski, CHRO, said a profile has been produced, but has not been widely shared yet. Dr. Laura Urban, President, Alexandria Technical & Community College, will chair our search and MinnState is in the process of populating our search committee. Nominations can be submitted until noon on October 13, 2017. The first search committee meeting has been scheduled for November 30, 2017. Candidates will be on campus March 20-22, 2017 and a decision is tentatively scheduled to take place at the April 2018 Board of Trustees meeting. There is a presidential search website with all the details.

Cost Saving Measures/Efficiencies

Dr. Opatz shared the Budget Reduction Ideas list that was compiled with all the items submitted by the various bargaining groups in the Spring of 2017.

Hiring Search Process

Lorna questioned whether we could get back to having a bargaining group member on each screening committee as we did before the policy was changed. Dr. Opatz said the Personnel Committee is looking at the Hiring and Screening Committee Policy right now and while that suggestion is not on the current proposed policy, it could be considered.

Decision Making

MAPE members asked if they could get more representation in some of the decision-making processes that involve their departments. Discussion ensued Dr. Opatz said administrators should be sharing information with their teams when decisions are made that involve them. Dan shared some information about current projects to get members up-to-date.

Process and Procedures for New Programs and Revenue Generators

Lorna King asked what the process is if we come up with a new idea that we want to share. Dan Holtz said cost reduction/revenue generator ideas can be sent to him. Betty said new program ideas can be sent to her, as there is a process to look at those programs to see if they are viable.

Like Services at Hutchinson

Members want to know whether some things that are happening at the Willmar Campus can take place as they do at the Willmar Campus, such as grounds keeping, food service and cosmetic improvements inside the buildings. Dan shared a list of items that are being worked on now and some future items being planned at Hutchinson. If anyone has any other ideas, please send them to Dan.

Food Service in Hutchinson

Dan shared this is still a work in progress, so we are offering temporary solutions in the Bookstore and in vending machines. It has been challenging to find a solution in Hutchinson since there are so many options across the street from the campus. Food trucks have been considered, but the insurance liability has been an issue for those vendors. Dan will continue to make inquiries.

The meeting adjourned at 2:44 pm.

Submitted by Debbie Becker

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