**State Meet and Confer Minutes
February 14, 2014**

**Attendees: A. Klepetar, J. Anderson, T. Rahim, S. Murray, J. Rangel, R. Wheeler, M. Sharp, K. Hynick, M. Lopez, M. Fahning, L. Rodrigues, R. Hogoboom, W Swanson, L. Miline, S. Applequist, J. O’Brien, M. Carlson, S. Rosenstone, C. Dale, J. Jorstad, B. Thompson, B. Miller,**

S. Rosenstone introduced Dr. Leon Rodrigues as Chief Diversity Officer. Chancellor Rosenstone emphasized the importance of his role for the system.

Transferology Update

1. Klepetar asked about communication plan and rollout. L. Milne stated that College

Source is managing rollout beginning March 31, 2014, with quiet rollout until June 30. During the transition, both systems will be available. There will be a two tier approach, including both College Source rollout and System communication once the system is stable. There will be a meeting next week to plan rollout; invited 2 ASF reps to serve on team that will be planning the rollout.

Policy changes information sharing/input at campus Meet and Confers  MSUAASF

A. Klepetar noted that all policies are not consistently going to local meet and confers. We seek agreement about the need for policies to go to M&C. C. Dale noted that there is a broad range of M&C topics, locally determined. M. Carlson agreed to pass on that all academic and student affairs policies go to Meet and Confer.

System Office Planning for Campus SaVE Act Update MSUAASF

M. Sharp outlined issue of changes in SaVE Act and asked about guidance from System office regarding the training now required and resources (especially for smaller campuses where staff may not be designated.) R. Hogoboom responded for System Office that there is now a Task Force working on this. Implementation is required by March 7, 2014. Standardized training is being developed and a model (for online training) is being developed. The full roll-out is anticipated by Fall 2014. Current policy changes are now in process that underpin this. M. Sharp noted that campus student services can really take leadership here. S. Rosenstone asked that ASF members be part of testing and input.

Increasing Pathways to Post-Secondary Overview and Update MSUAASF

K. Hynick is leading this from System office. There will be new assessments given to high school students indicating preparedness, more developmental courses available in high schools, more college-level options in high schools. There have been six Pathway summits across the state. The focus is on aligning assessment. All 11th graders will take normed entrance exams. There will also be a placement diagnostic test in 10th grade. Targeted interventions are aimed at shared learner outcome groups and there will be benchmarks for this shared by end of March. Also, thee will be pilot projects to access early college options (PSEO, AP/IB, etc.) and align with career pathways. Following summits, there were surveys. Schools want more online materials and another summit.

A. Klepetar supports a P-16 effort and offered ASF support as this moves forward. S. Rosenstone emphasized importance of this effort – leaving no one behind, widening the pipeline to higher education. The goal is to get all students college-ready.

Charting the Future Implementation Planning Update MSUAASF

S Rosenstone thanked ASF for engagement in drafting document. The focus on student success is the key direction. Plans are underway for a steering committee and implementation teams for each area. This is a 3+ year project. We need internal capacity to support workgroups. ASF seats will be available on steering committee and implementation teams. Each team will also be engaging with M&C’s and bargaining units as they do their work. Teams will be 2/3 campus, 1/3 office – center of gravity needs to the campuses. Assignment to teams must include appropriate expertise. Staffing will be from throughout the campuses; not just system office. First team will probably be the one that deals with incentives and rewards – it is a roadblock to some of the other collaboration efforts. Call for representation will probably come out in about a month. This is a big effort and will lead to MnSCU being increasing competitive as a higher education option, and more positive student outcomes. A. Klepetar thanked the Chancellor for the collaboration and thanked Karen Hynick for her work as well.

Salary Compression Study Update MSUAASF

J. Jorstad stated that meetings continue on this topic. They are looking at what data is needed and what the plan will be. Progress is being made.

StarID Update MSUAASF

W. Swanson provided a handout. All staff, faculty and students have Star ID’s assigned throughout the system. Campuses are driving the installation and timing. Eservices messaging is strengthening regarding the transitioning to Star ID. By June, tech ID’s will be phased out.

Increasing Baccalaureate Degrees in the Metro Area Update MSUAASF

J. O’Brien said that in January, multiple possibilities for increasing bachelor’s degrees in the Twin Cities were presented to the Board. Three things are not options: 1) do nothing, 2) 8th university and 3) reliance only on bilateral partnerships. The possible solutions presented included:

1. Academic Center

2. Metro State expansion and use, but can’t meet all the need

3. Make one 2-year campus a 4-year university

4. Have 2 -ear colleges offer bachelor’s programs (22 states do this to some degree)

He noted that a couple of trustees still have some interest in an 8th university.

1. Klepetar mentioned the option of partnering transportation options to St. Cloud and

Mankato. J. O’Brien also met with Met Council to talk about transportation options. J. Anderson asked about universities sharing space – that is the Academic Center concept.

 At Academic Affairs Council, there was concern about a Metro Plan taking students from other campuses; this is not the plan. IFO M&C requested a day-long retreat on this issue which J. O’Brien plans to facilitate. ASF will be invited to participate in this as well. S. Rosestone noted the urgency of this. This is especially important for access of education to persons of color.

Legislative Update MSUAASF

M. Fahning gave this report. She thanked ASF for partnership; especially the support of the budget and bonding requests. Session begins on Feb. 25th. Many committees have met. Captial Investment committee made 45 visits to campuses regarding bonding. She feels we have a good start. They will continue to work on Mankato project and HEAPR. Campuses are being asked to work with local legislators. There is a supplemental budget request to ask for 17 million more in the base plus 14 million, along with repealing the rider language. The Unsession (focus on streamlining government) will also be addressed. M. Fahning will share the bill that will be considered in this regard (very technical; cleaning things up). S. Rosenstone also thanked ASF for our help in the supplemental and bonding request.

Budget Updates including University Retrenchment plans & BESI StatusMSUAASF

A. Klepetar noted what is going on in SW and Moorhead. M. Carlson noted that every campus is dealing with budget constraints. This is a local issue but the System supports campuses as they deal with budget challenges. There are several universities trying to figure out how they will manage shortfalls, but no retrenchment plans at present; also no targeting ASF positions. Three Universities are using BESI’s: WSU (3-4 ASF applicants); Marshall and Moorhead will be more targeted calls for BESI’s. ASF has not been excluded from any of the BESI discussions. T. Rahim asked if there is discussion about extending BESI option; M. Carlson says they are testifying about this and he feels there is a high likelihood it will continue after the June 30 sunset.

Next Meeting: April 4, 2014

Respectfully submitted,
Shirley Murray