

Minnesota State/MSUAASF Pre-Meet
April 24, 2020
ZOOM Meeting (COVID-19)

Present: Tracy Rahim, Zak Johnson, Shirley Murray, Lori Wynia, Jim Anderson, Mel Iverson, Josh Lease, Bonner Karger, Tim Alcorn, Tyler Treptow-Bowman, Troy Schmidt, Victor Cole, Jill Quandt, Kristy Modrow, Sami Gabriel

Announcements:

Sami announced that Teamsters has received masks and she will be distributing these to the campuses next week. Mel announced that Mankato ASF did online bingo last night which was a big hit.

State Contract Ratification Issues

Contract ratifications are in bills in the legislature but things are not looking good for ratification. If contracts do not get ratified, there will be ramifications for members. There will not be salary money given back, but there may be insurance implications and salary increases will end. Tracy and Sami will work on a communication to members about the status of this. There are unique circumstances on campus that will need to be addressed IF the contracts are not ratified. Please email Sami and Tracy if these exist on your campus.

Motion by Tyler Treptow-Bowman, second by Josh Lease to approve the amended Board minutes from spring board meeting. Motion carried.

Review of items for Meet and Confer today.

Tracy explained details of COVID-19 discussion – budget concerns for campuses and system. How/when would MN State declare a financial emergency under State Statue 135A.19? What would this mean for members? What are the enrollment projections for fall 29? Question about furlough (which doesn't exist in ASF contract) – what is involved and is MMB looking at this? When will we know more about fall classes? What is the discussion about fee refunds for spring 2020 and if fall classes are online, will fees be charged?

We are all encouraged to bring questions forward. Zak said that a summer Meet and Confer may be useful and appropriate. Jim asked about system-wide BESI's. Some campuses are already offering these. Questions are also present about the use of COVID-19 leave.

Selecting final dates for Summer Board meeting: August 6-10 targeted as the time frame. Meeting face-to-face is still the desired plan if it is possible.

Notes recorded by Shirley Murray, State MSUAASF Secretary