**AHSS Executive Council** February 15, 2017

3:00 PM, Minard 204J

Attendees: Stephenson Beck, David Bertolini, Betsy Birmingham, Jeff Bumgarner, Mark Harvey, Nancy Hodur, Dan Klenow, Hardy Koenig, Mark Meister, John Miller, Carrie Anne Platt, Kent Sandstrom, Michael Strand, Gwen Stickney

Absent: Ann Burnett, Christina Weber

Guests: Mark Wallman and CeCe Rohwedder from the IT Division

**Minutes**

Agenda Item I. Announcements and Reminders

* Pre-Tenure Mentoring Panel on Policy and Governance at NDSU, Meadow Room, MU -- March 1, 11:30-1pm.
* AHSS Development Day Networking Presentation (Jill Nelson and Christina Weber), Hidatsa, MU – March 6, 10 am-noon.
* Dean’s Challenge Grant Recipients’ Presentations, Badlands Room, MU -- March 24, 2-3:30pm.
* FM Area Foundation Brown Bag Event – March 8, 2017 – Arikara Room, MU.
* St. Patrick’s Day “Grant Wishes” Event – day to be determined.

Agenda Item II. Marc Wallman, VP of IT

**Blackboard (Bb) consolidation update:**

* NDSU representatives met with Bb staff three weeks ago to prepare for the upcoming Bb onsite visit. There were about four NDSU faculty members in attendance.
* Faculty Senate may invite the NDUS CIO to an upcoming meeting for additional discussion.
* Dennis Cooley serves on the functional committee for the consolidation planning; questions may be directed to him.
* The support model will change post-consolidation, and institutions will be limited in the pedagogical decisions they will be able to make. There are a number of other questions, including compatibility of the PRS currently used at NDSU under the current license. We are also not sure if the system we use at NDSU for name changes will be able to be used post-consolidation.
* AHSS has about 10 years’ worth of pedagogical material available to its faculty. There is no migration plan for such content, but local copies should remain.
* NDUS has contracted with Bb through March of 2018; consulting services with Bb will not be available at no cost after that time. Some NDUS small campuses currently use Moodle; some institutions use eCollege, and this hosted solution is no longer meeting their needs. The consolidation cost is estimated at approximately $2M.

**Discontinuing desk phones:** Marc explained that voice costs are bundled with costs for data services and infrastructure. There is a business element as well as a cost element to consider. He is compiling documentation that explains what all the voice charge supports, along with recommendations and options of models to manage it.

**O365 consolidation:** the NDSU migration is scheduled for the weekend before spring break.

Agenda Item III. Discussion of AHSS Budget/Reductions

* Dean Sandstrom provided the Executive Council member with an update regarding the budget and options for prospective reductions. Various reduction strategies were analyzed and discussed. Final decisions are not possible until the ND Legislature informs the university what final budget reduction will imposed.

Agenda Item IV. Other Items

* Policy and Planning Committee recently emailed the Executive Council seeking input regarding a Diversity Committee. The outcome from the feedback was that this information was sought at various times over the past years, and the P&P Committee would be well-advised to consider and build upon the input collected from information that has already been collected.

Meeting adjourned at 4:41 pm.

Submitted by Lori Alvarez