

October 31, 2006  
UDMPU General Membership Meeting  
Life Sciences 113  
12:45-2:00pm

**Members present:** Jim Graves, Cingy Gillham, Nancy Chesik, Heather Hill-Vasquez, John Dwyer, Larry Zeff, Barry Dauphin, Maureen Anthony, Tricia Thomas, Jim Tubbs, Mary O'Shaughnessy, Todd Ray, Doug MacDonald, Stephen, Carla Groh, Gail Mitchell, Mike Canjar, Clint Hirst, Larry Zeff, Jill Spitzer, Jim Graves, Mary Hanna, Shuvra Das, Nihad Dukha, Mike Whitty, Lazus Kiks, Barry Dauphin, Bruce MacDonald, Tom Schaad

**I. Meeting was called to order at 12:45pm.**

**II. Election**

There is a need to elect someone from the general membership to be on the audit committee. John Dwyer was nominated from the floor. He was elected by affirmation.

**III. Comments by Fr. Stockhausen**

In response to a question regarding the 403b dollars given back to the administration in 2004, Father Stockhausen talked about the state of the University's budget. Fiscal '06 budget set a new record for the University did not have to take emergency measures to balance the budget. Stockhausen hopes in the future that this will be the general the mode of operation. The Dental School project is moving along fine even though it has not been announced. At present, the University is trying to get some tax incentives from the State of Michigan. It is expected that the new Dental School will be open in January 2008. The Board of Trustees has decided to break up the financing package. The first bond issue will refinance existing debt as well as financing for the Dental School. The Law School projects are contingent upon their ability to raise funds. McNichols campus is different since it is four projects: Residence halls, a fitness center, the Chemistry building and a sports field. The Board wants to see that the McNichols campus is self-supporting before they are willing to agree to projects for it. The fund raising effort for this campus is about to begin. The scope of some projects on McNichols is totally dependent upon donor interest. The Chemistry building project may be constrained by the amount of funds donated for such a project.

When the five year financial plan was put in place, money was beginning to be set aside to renovate existing buildings (deferred maintenance is beginning to be done). In this fiscal year Stockhausen hopes the Life Science roof and Holden Hall windows will be replaced. He indicates we are on the edge of operating in the black and are increasing efficiency. According to Stockhausen, we are headed in the right direction. The purpose of the fitness center is designed to increase the livelihood of student life and help support athletics. It is hoped that this will encourage future students to attend the University. In response to a question regarding the sale of the dental school, Stockhausen feels that it has been very positive. The next question from the floor asked if he (Stockhausen) has a moral obligation to return monies obtained on the basis of administration assurances that were not kept (regarding the 403b give back in 2004). Stockhausen responded no.

Another question about the funding of the Law School and Dental School relative to McNichols campus, transparency was requested from the McNichols faculty. The only information we have about budgets is what comes from public forums. The role of shared governance to assist in the transparency was raised. Stockhausen is trying to figure out how best to use the budget team specifically. All of the budgeting for fiscal '07 was done at the board level. All of the budget negotiations were done among the President, Vice Presidents, and the Board. In ordinary times the budget process should include input from the budget team as well as other members of the faculty as necessary. Stockhausen feels that board is getting more comfortable with their roles relative to the administration and faculty.

In response to the strategic plan question and bonding issue, Stockhausen indicated that we will be at the low end of the bonding and it will be done in three parts. The five year plan is attempting to look at enrollment, funding, expenses, etc. Additional revenue and cost opportunities are not built into the plan. New revenue opportunities will be overlaid on the status quo plan. In response to a question about health care, Stockhausen indicated that health care plans have increased. Nelson responded that this will continue to be a problem given rising health care costs. Health care will be brought about during the negotiations in 2008. Nelson would like to set up a coalition to look at the health care issue next winter or spring. There was another question about the value of advertising. Stockhausen is happy about the impact of advertising in recent years. In response to a question about full time and part-time students, he suggested alternative forms of instruction may be necessary. Another question suggests that we need to make the University more welcoming. Schirmer comments that we need to look at alternative forms of delivery such as 7 week schedules, on-line and hybrid course offerings.

Canjar thanked Stockhausen and the Vice Presidents for coming to talk with us.

## **VI. Additional Comments**

Zeff believes that we need to address what we have learned today. In questioning why more people were not in attendance, there was some indication that there were other meetings scheduled (Standards, Program Review).

The 2004 give-back by faculty and administrators to balance budget is still an issue. At that time \$60,000,000 was scheduled to be spent on the McNichols campus. Our cut of the give back was approximately \$140,000. We were held hostage by the suggestion that an additional 40 staff and administrators would be laid off. Manning thinks that we would should consider re-opening the existing contract. There was a question about the office of vision and mission.

Move to adjourn. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 2:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary A. Higby