Present: George French, Jeff Sperling, Rich Connell, Dan Svedarsky, Andrew Svec, Kim Gillette, Michelle Christopherson, Tom Baldwin, Fred Wood, Stephanie Helgeson, Tricia Sanders, Jack Geller, Chris Winjum, Peter Phaiah, Amber Schultz, Ron Del Vecchio

Guest(s):

In these minutes: Residence Hall Naming Update, Residence Hall Construction Update, The Bus Update, Chancellor Update, Member Updates

New Business:

Residence Hall Naming Update – Andrew Svec
An ad hoc committee has been assembled to consider names for the new residence hall. This group has been meeting over the past few months and has discussed more than 30 names suggested by students, faculty, and staff. The committee has narrowed that list to five. Members of the committee have been asking various campus groups and individuals for feedback on the names being considered which are: Commencement Hall, Heritage Hall, Horizon Hall, North Star Hall or Northstar Hall, and Vista Hall. If you have feedback to share please do so with Andrew Svec or another committee member.

Residence Hall Update – Peter Phaiah
The current plan is to allow students to move into the new residence hall on January 11 or 12. If the building is not ready at that time, Gary Willhite has a backup plan. Initially the building will be around 75% full, which will allow for some relief of current campus overcapacity issues, additional flexibility, and future growth.

The Bus – Peter Phaiah
Since no students will be living at the America’s Best Value Inn during the Spring Semester the service agreement for a regular Bus route from America’s Best Value Inn to campus will not be continued. However, the $2 cost per Bus ride will still be temporarily subsidized for the Spring Semester but students will have to call the Bus line to arrange their rides. Later in Spring semester Student Affairs will review usage and determine how they want to proceed with the Bus for 2013-14 Academic years.

Chancellor Updates
- Congratulations to Amber Schultz on her new position. We wish you the best!
- BOR Update
  - Wellness Center was added to the University’s capital projects proposal to the state. Regent’s spoke in support of this important project.
  - The Chancellors will now regularly meet with President Kaler the day before Regents meetings.
Duluth and Rochester worked with a firm to review their branding. Andrew also be working with the firm.

Issues pertaining to Faculty/Staff Compensation were discussed and members are encouraged to review the related material on the BOR website.

Farewell to Robert Jones, Steve Goldstein, and Tim Mulcahy

‘Pre-Posted’ Member Updates
Corby Kemmer – Development and Alumni Relations
- Please remember your calendar year end giving
- Office is open this Friday December 21, from 8-Noon and open all day next Wed 12-26 and Th 12-27. We will be closed Fri 12-28.
- We've surpassed the $1 million mark in fundraising through the first six months of fiscal year 2013. Thank you to everyone for your continued support and generosity.
- Have a safe and happy holiday

Member Updates
George French – Faculty Assembly
- Thursday Commons Committee will present a report after the holidays.
- Faculty Assembly meeting on Friday (12/21) at 10 am.

Jack Geller – Liberal Arts and Education
- Elementary Education is approved. Students can now begin enrolling in this program!

Tom Baldwin – Academic Affairs
- Fred’s tenure was approved during the BOR meetings, he is now a full tenured professor!

Respectfully submitted by Chris Winjum