

To: UNI Faculty Senate, 2009-2010 and 2010-2011
President Ben Allen
Tom Schellhardt, VP Administration and Finance
From: Susan Wurtz, UNI Faculty Senate Chair
Date: July 9, 2010

Re: A request from President Allen

This document, with excerpts from UNI Faculty Senate documents is being provided to President Allen at his request for the purpose of assisting him in responding to the resolution passed by the Board of Regents, State of Iowa at its March 2010 meeting, that directed the Iowa public universities to assess the feasibility of and to formulate plans that would, over an appropriate time period, substantially reduce or eliminate general funds subsidies for intercollegiate athletics.

In addition, President Allen has requested that the members of the UNI Faculty Senate be invited to provide additional insights as they see fit, either as a body if the Senate determines it wishes to convene a Senate session (and assuming that a quorum can be assembled and a Senate session can be scheduled to take place before the end of July with proper notification to the faculty) or as individual Senators.

If enough Senators to establish a quorum send me e-mail messages indicating they desire a senate session be called, and if I receive those messages within a time period that allows for scheduling and proper notification of that meeting to the faculty, I will call a Senate session. Whether such a Senate session takes place or not, the invitation to individual Senators stands.

I need to receive any inputs to be forwarded to President Allen by the end of July 2010. I will compile the inputs into a single document to be added to the Senate records, but please be assured that I will not edit any comments.

Excerpts from UNI Faculty Senate Documents –

Minutes of the 02/22/10 Faculty Senate session

CONSIDERATION OF DOCKETED ITEMS

924 Resolution Regarding Funding of Auxiliary Enterprise
Operations at UNI - Hans Isakson

Chair Wurtz noted that this came to the Senate earlier and the Senate returned to Dr. Isakson, asking for a more specific request for action, which the Senate received. The Senate also asked for it to be a specific comparison between the action taken last spring and the action being asked at this point.

[The resolution is inserted below, emphasis added on July, 9, 2010 for communication with President Allen]

Resolution Regarding Funding of Auxiliary Enterprise Operations at UNI

by

Hans Isakson, Professor
Department of Economics

Whereas, **in the Spring, 2009 semester, the University Faculty Senate passed a resolution that stated,**

The allocation of General Education Funds to Auxiliary Enterprise operations at UNI should be limited to no more than three percent of the General Education Fund, and the savings generated by cutting Auxiliary Enterprise spending should be used to maintain the academic integrity of the University, and that this adjustment process should be implemented over the next five years.

Whereas, since the passage of this resolution, the economic conditions of the State of Iowa have worsened, and the University has suffered several reductions in state appropriations. The University responded to these reductions with several drastic reductions in spending, including a significant reduction in the salaries of all employees.

Be it resolved that the University Faculty Senate calls for the allocation of General Education Funds to Auxiliary Enterprise operations at UNI be reduced to three percent or less of the General Education Fund by the beginning of fiscal year 2010-2011, and that the savings generated by cutting Auxiliary Enterprise spending should be used to maintain the academic integrity of the University.

Be it further resolved that in the event that the state appropriations for UNI are cut further, the University Faculty Senate calls for a further reduction of the allocation of General Education Funds allocated to Auxiliary Enterprise operations at UNI to no more than one percent of the General Education Funds before cutting any of the General Education Funds allocated to the Academics Affairs Division of UNI.

NOTE: See attached supporting data.

Motion to approve by Senator Smith; second by Senator Bruess.

Senator Funderburk noted that he's okay with this idea but he is concerned that there's a grouping of things in here which are more important to our educational mission, as opposed to those that are more of an entertainment/athletic nature which he feels should perhaps be rolled back more than those contributing to

our educational mission. He wishes that this had been more specific.

Senator Smith stated that he talked with Hans Isakson today and he very much agrees with that. He would like to propose some language as an amendment, which would come in the third paragraph, saying **"Furthermore, we believe the necessary reductions should be made primarily in UNI's Intercollegiate Athletic program."**

Senator Bruess who made the second agreed.

Chair Wurtz reiterated that what we're saying is that **instead of over the next five years we are saying that by the beginning of Fiscal-Year 2010-2011, continuing with a three percent reduction, adding primarily the Intercollegiate Athletic program.**

The amended motion passed with two abstentions.