Exempt Staff Council Fall Forum Minutes
Tuesday, November 29th, 2011
11:30-1:00, MHC 304 and MOH 201

Shannon introduced the Exempt Staff Council (ESC) members. We also had gifts for
the ESC members whose term was up.

Jim Gooley gave the blessing and introduced Victoria Young from Art History. Jim
gave some background on Victoria and some of her accomplishments.

Victoria started off by talking about where Frank Gehry’s Winton guest house
originated in the western suburbs and discussing a little about Frank himself. He
spent some time in Minnesota in his early years helping design Southdale Mall and
some work with Dayton’s department store. Models are his key to design, he
typically does more than one and they will be at different scales. In 1982 he was in
the New York Times. The Wintons knew they found their architect right away. UST
broke the house into 10 parts to move it to Owatonna. They had a celebration at
Gainey and open house tours for those attending. He has also done the Weisman Art
Museum and Guggenheim museum in Bilbao, Spain. He also has been working on a
Guggenheim in Abu Dhabi, currently on hold. For more on Frank Gehry, please visit:
http://www.stthomas.edu/arthistory/gehrywinton/default.html

Next we had Lisa Brabbit present on the Law School 10 year anniversary. In
September there was an official celebration held on the Minneapolis campus.

The first law school at UST was in 1923 and there were 7 law schools in the Twin
Cities at that point. 70 men graduated between 1923-33 and it was just a night
program at that time since the students all had day jobs. There were 2 main faculty
members and a number of adjunct faculty. In 1933 the law school closed due to
hardship from the Great Depression.

In 1990 UST started a feasibility study of a new law school. In 1999 the Board of
Trustees recommended UST rebuild and reopen the School of Law. In 2001 UST
accepted and enrolled 120 students. 2003 - the law school dedicates a five level
152,000 square foot building on the Minneapolis campus. The law school recently
reached its fundraising mark of $100 million.

Dean Thomas Mengler has announced he will be stepping down as dean in June
2012. He has been an integral part of the law school its past 10 years. UST currently
has 27 full time faculty members and 7 endowed chairs. UST has been ranked 8th
nationally for Best Professors (Princeton Review 2012). Each student is required 50
hours of community service each year and most exceed that.

In regards to Annual Giving, we have been top in the nation among all ABA
(American Bar Association) accredited law schools (approximately 200) for
percentage of alumni participation.
Next we had Jane Canney to present on the AARC and new Anderson Student Center. Jane gave a presentation that included a virtual tour of the AARC with the help of Michelle Morgan and Thanh Pham. The cardio room has 90 equipment items so there is quite the variety to choose from. There are a number of systems in the weight room as well for those working out in that area. We have an 8 lane pool with 8 foot wide lanes and a 14 foot deep diving well. The track is made of 2 different surfaces. They also offer a number of fitness and aerobics classes.

For employees looking to use the facilities, there is a rebate program if you visit 12 times a month you get a full refund of that month. Prices are $120 for fall semester, $150 for spring, $90 for summer but you can get all that refunded. This upcoming January they will have some different programs for staff/faculty that will be announced shortly.

January 17th is when the new student center will open up and employees will be able to tour. Mary Ann Ryan gave a picture tour on the new center. There will be a dance studio, bowling lanes, a new and improved Scooter’s as well as plenty of seating and 3 pool tables. There will be a gaming area in Tommie Central also. There will be a number of meeting rooms, The View which is another dining area, and a reception room (similar to Fireside Room).

May 10th will be the dedication.

Shannon wrapped up with thanking the speakers and announcing that a survey will be forthcoming as well as some brown bag sessions.

Respectfully submitted,
Nate Rolloff