

Dakota College at Bottineau
Special Dean's Council Meeting
Minutes



November 13, 2019 at 2:30 pm – Dean's Suite

PRESENT: Kayla O'Toole, Larry Brooks, Lisa Mock (via phone), Dr. Jerry Migler and Sandy Hageness

A special meeting was called to discuss student athlete retention and graduation concerns, specifically related to football and the possible discontinuation of the football program.

Dr. Migler shared information from the Department Chair and Administrative Council meetings. A question was addressed as to how a decision to discontinue would affect TRiO.

Direct football expenses in the 2018-19 year for travel, expenses, coach's salary with benefits, and other related costs was approximately \$150,000. It is estimated that DCB would be losing about \$225,000 in tuition and about \$250,000 in room and board from football students. Assuming that 25 new full-time students can be recruited next year, along with another 20-25 from an additional sport or two in the following year, it could take about two years to get back on track financially. This timetable could be met earlier with concentrated recruiting and marketing to increase student enrollment. There is \$1.4 million in reserves that could help cushion a short-term drop in enrollment.

Moved by Larry Brooks, seconded by Kayla O'Toole to recommend the Campus Dean make a decision by the end of the week to discontinue the football program. Motion carried.

Discussion held on a tuition waiver for football students that stay on campus the 2020 spring semester. First-year football students with a 2.0 or higher GPA at the end of the fall semester 2019, will be offered a tuition waiver for spring 2020 semester.

Dr. Migler will decide by the end of the week. If program is discontinued, he will meet with the team and coach on Monday, November 18, 2019.