BHSU Dakota ASSETS Meeting Notes
February 23, 2009

Members present: Dr Nancy Hall, Dr. Gregory Cooch, Mary Goebel, Ruth Claeys, Karen Mortimer, Doug Rowe, Patty Dewey

1. **Pierre position:** Patty and Karen reported that they had conducted interviews for the Pierre position and had recommended an outstanding candidate to Dr. Hall.

2. **Pierre scholarships:** Doug Rowe explained that after hearing discussion regarding the difficulty of recruiting students for the Pierre/Chamberlain area, he had contacted the federal program officer regarding a new proposal. To help launch the Pierre project, it was determined that students in that could receive free tuition and books, for 1 year only, for the first cohort. After discussion as to whether to have both tuition and books, or just tuition paid, the group felt, considering these difficult economic times, it would be best to offer both free tuition and books.

3. **BHSU Dakota ASSETS projections:** Doug Rowe reviewed Dakota ASSETS projections according to the four objectives of the grant. TOE funds of $87,500 have been awarded to 25 participants.

4. **Dakota ASSETS Project Evaluation Partner Interviews:** Patty reported that Karen Taylor, project evaluator, will be conducting interviews and to check for scheduled times.

5. **Dakota ASSETS Team meeting March 4, 10:00-3:00 at the TIE Office:** Members were reminded of the upcoming meeting.

6. **Project Updates:**

   SPED: Dr. Cooch reported they have developed a rotation system for SPED courses. It would alternate with 2 courses face to face and then offered on-line. Summer coursework would always be offered on line. He stated that there is a shortage of sped teachers in Wyoming and in South Dakota.

   Rapid City Project SELECT: Mary reported she has 15 files for next year, but some are not complete. She also has 3 applications for Pierre. Dr. Hall suggested to try and get them registered during the window of March 30-April 17. Mary and Karen reported their trip to Denver with students to visit high needs schools was very successful and they had very beneficial experiences.

   Douglas Project SELECT: Douglas interns also traveled with Rapid City students to Denver. Ruth reported that things are going well and that they will be meeting with the superintendent and principals next month.

7. **Next meeting: March 16, 1:30 at Higher Education Center, Rapid City**