

University Cabinet Minutes
March 15, 2006
Westlie Room – 9:00 a.m.

Present: Linda Benson, , Lynda Bertsch, Tricia Black, Brad Botz, Linda Cresap, Ron Dorn, Jared Edwards, Lisa Eriksmoen, Bryce Fifield, Sandy Foley, David Fuller, Russ Gagnon, Dale Gehring, Wylie Hammond, Rick Hedberg, Cathy Horvath, Dick Jenkins, Yueh- Ting Lee, Wes Matthews, Neil Nordquist, Sandy Nordstrom, , Gary Rabe, Gary Ross, Jennifer Sick, Kim Thompson, Kris Warmoth, Stephanie Witwer and Deb Wentz.

Absent: Mark Anderson, Caren Barnett, Britney Blackmore, George Clark, Brad Damm, Teresa Loftesnes, Linda Olson, and Leon Perzinski.

Dr. Fuller called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the February 22, 2006 meeting were approved as presented.

New Business

1. Climate Assessment Survey

Lisa Borden-King distributed information in regard to the Climate Assessment Survey. This is a ND University System initiative. The objective of the project is to provide NDUS with institutional information, analysis, and recommendations as they relate to climate.

NDUS institutions will learn how constituent groups currently feel about their particular campus climate and how the community responds to them.

To promote faculty, staff, and student participation in completing the survey, daily monetary prizes will be offered as well as grand prize drawings from all survey respondents. The survey is targeted to go live April 3rd and will run through April 28th.

2. Department acknowledgements/calendar – the following people were recognized for their accomplishments: Britney Blackmore, Sheila Green-Gerding, Paula Lindekugel-Willis, Biology Department and Club, Jon Rumney, Dennis Simons, and Frank Moseley.

Please add to your calendar events:

* Biannual Faculty Exhibit through March 29th

3. President's Report – items of note include:

* Senator Conrad was on campus February 22 to hold a news conference regarding future reductions in federal aid and support for higher education.

* Alumni events took place in Las Vegas and various locations in Arizona.

* Four finalists for the VPAA position were on campus and made presentations to various groups. Meetings have taken place with VPAA direct reports, search committee

members, and the President's Staff seeking a list of strengths and weaknesses of each candidate for further evaluation.

* MSU recommended a 9.5% tuition increase to the State Board of Higher Education. Increases will be acted on at the April meeting.

4. Current issues and area reports

W. Matthews – the Beaver Praise acknowledgement program is now underway. Posters with acknowledgement slips attached, are displayed all around campus. HR has already been receiving acknowledgement slips.

J. Sick – on April 11 and 12 the ND Higher Ed User Group for Connect ND/PeopleSoft will be on campus. With the number of participants attending, the event organizers want to make sure that MSU has adequate meeting rooms around campus to hold the various workshops and training sessions. The Cabinet discussed options and authorized J. Sick to contact instructors on moving some classes out of Old Main on those two days so we can accommodate the NDHEUG sessions as this will be a good opportunity for MSU to showcase the campus to people from all over the state.

Compensation Task Force – a campus forum will be held to present salary proposals and seek input

HLC Steering Committee – the full Committee will hold their kick-off meeting on March 21st.

Chancellors Cabinet Meeting– will be held in Bismarck next week.

Crosby Newspaper – the editor of the Crosby newspaper published a column that put MSU in a negative light. Dr. Fuller will send a response and also invite the community to a pie and coffee event at their local café scheduled for May 1st.

Arts & Sciences – a faculty development workshop will be held on April 11 with Dr. Stewart Ross regarding Active Learning. We are currently in the process of hiring faculty in Music and CJ.

Enrollment Services – has hired Linda Opp as a clerk

Financial Aid – scholarship information was sent out yesterday and is due in by March 24. It would be much appreciated to have them back in time.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m. The next meeting will be at 10:00 a.m., April 19 in the Westlie Room.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Deb Wentz.