

## University Cabinet Minutes

March 21, 2012

**Present:** Brent Askvig, Stephen Banister, Caren Barnett, Lynda Bertsch, Linda Cresap, Conrad Davidson, Lisa Eriksmoen, Patti Fedje, Brian Foisy, David Fuller, Russ Gagnon, Dale Gehring, Kevin Harmon, Rick Hedberg, Dick Jenkins, David Klassy, Roger Kluck, JoAnn Linrud, Teresa Loftesnes, Holly Major, Wes Matthews, Susan Ness, Neil Nordquist, Leon Perzinski, Rebecca Porter, Marv Semrau, Carlos Soza, Vicki Troftgruben, Doreen Wald, Kris Warmoth, Jonelle Watson and Deb Wentz

**Absent:** Max Buchholz, Libby Claerbout, Cathy Horvath, Lenore Koczon, Annette Mennem, Beth Odahlen, and Cari Olson

**Guests:** Anton Huether, Julie Keller and Celeste Simmons

**Approval of minutes** – minutes of the January 20, 2012 meeting were approved as written

### **New Business**

#### **1. Senate Reports**

##### **Faculty Senate**

Tenure update is complete – will go to a vote in April; Sabbatical update is complete; faculty workload issues are still unresolved. Faculty are soliciting feedback to the SGA request of reporting/upgrading grades every two weeks.

##### **Staff Senate**

Staff senate has had a very productive and meaningful year. Much work was done on the tax rebate proposal for North Dakotans affected by flooding and although it did not pass in the special session, it will be presented at the next session. Senator Krebsbach is the sponsor of the bill. A committee has also begun work to examine salaries and cost of living expenses in the Minot area with the intent of submitting a proposal for an increase in funding to allow for increasing wages of employees due to the significant growth in the area brought on mainly from the Bakken activity. Rent in particular, continues to climb and wages are not keeping pace allowing for affordable living. The Senate is also working with the state staff senate regarding offering uniform tuition waivers for employees across institutions. Three staff senate scholarships have been awarded (1 employee and 2 dependents of employees). Elections are coming up soon.

##### **Student Government Association**

The grading request to faculty senate has been the focus of the SGA for the past while. Elections will be held on Monday and Tuesday. For the coming year, the position of VP and treasurer will be combined into VP of Finance. There will be a delegation going to the National Association for Campus Activities meeting in St. Paul next week.

## 2. Roundtable Discussion

Housing – the Pennies for Patients program had an 87% increase over last year. Heather Stroupe-Smith is to be commended for making this such a successful event on campus. Certificates were distributed to those departments on campus that participated.

Residence hall numbers for this coming fall are looking very good. Dr. Fuller talked about the status of the Beaver Lodges. Apparently there are some people on campus that thought we were selling them. At this time, there has not been a decision whether or not we will keep them or sell them. There is a lot of uncertainty about housing right now and we are just studying the current needs.

College of Business – Clint Severson and Conni Ahart are on campus through Friday. The college is holding their regular Advisory Board meeting next Tuesday.

Marketing – MSU at the Mall is on March 31

Financial Aid – College Goal Sunday takes place this Sunday. If you know of anyone needing FAFSA assistance send them to Old Main on Sunday from 1 – 3. There have been many changes in federal programs that will put more liability on students to repay funds if dropping classes.

College of Education and Health Sciences – Don Burke is stepping down as chair of Addiction Studies, Psychology and Social Work. Paul Markel will assume the chair duties. Deb Jensen has decided to remain with CASCLS position so Warren Gamas will take over as the permanent chair in Teacher Ed & HP. The faculty has asked that there be a three year review. Elaine Larson will retire at the end of this school year and Lisa Borden-King will assume her school placement duties.

Plant – we are back on schedule drilling geothermal wells. The plan has changed somewhat and we will be adding Memorial and Moore to the original Area A. Due to this, we will need to redo 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue to accommodate the geothermal pipes. Roger will be meeting with people in each of these buildings to find out needs and schedules so there will be as little disruption as possible while 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue is renovated. The Server Room project is moving right along. Wellness Center will be open for tours on Commencement. We have a cooperative agreement with Augustana Church to let our students park in their lot and in turn, we will maintain upkeep of the lot.

Veterans Center – Green Zone training will be held at various times to accommodate as many schedules as possible.

POWER – the latest newsletter was distributed. Supplemental instruction is going very well. Advisors recently took students on a state-wide tour which provided many community engagement opportunities.

Business Office – there will be a new fraud video this year – it will be a four minute PowerPoint presentation.

Dakota College at Bottineau – developmental courses continue on the Minot State University campus

Athletics – spring season is off and running. Since the baseball diamonds are not useable we will be playing our home games at Harvey. We will be hosting a spring football game on April 29<sup>th</sup>. We are currently focusing on completing our final annual report for NCAA membership. Steven Swenson is our new Assistant AD for Compliance and will be starting in late April. We will be using a new automated ticketing system beginning with fall athletic events. Currently working with a sports merchandiser that will help get our merchandise out in more retail markets. We will be offering a few more summer camps this year including soccer and wrestling.

Advancement – we received money from student groups at NDSU who held “penny wars” to raise money for MSU flood victims. The MSU Gala is scheduled for April 27<sup>th</sup>. The Alumni Association hosted several successful events in Arizona last weekend.

Student Health – the St. Joseph’s Community Foundation will be presenting us \$5,400 for AED purchases. We have been recertified as a CEO Gold Standard University.

Student Success Center – job fair will be held next week – very encouraged by the number of new businesses signing up this year.

Native American – the Powwow and Honors Dance takes place on campus April 27 and 28<sup>th</sup>. Please show your support for our students by attending their premier event.

### **3. Announcements/Acknowledgements**

Heather Stroup-Smith was recognized for her work on the Pennies for Patients project

Carlos Soza and his staff at Sodexo, Teresa Loftesnes, Susan Ness and Deb Wentz were congratulated for their work in organizing another successful Business After Hours event on campus.

### **4. President’s Report**

Much has taken place since our last meeting. Items to note:

- Budget & finance
- Dickinson State University Audit
- Briercrest Partnership
- City Facilities Application Withdrawal
- SCE
- SBHE Efficiencies Plan
- Opening of 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue Planning
- New Chancellor Announcement

Meeting adjourned at 10:30

Submitted by Deb Wentz