

University Cabinet Minutes  
March 27, 2013

**Present:** Brent Askvig, Caren Barnett, Lynda Bertsch, Mikhail Bobylev, William Chew, Conrad Davidson, Lisa Eriksmoen, Brian Foisy, Russ Gagnon, Laurie Geller, Kevin Harmon, Rick Hedberg, Cathy Horvath, Dick Jenkins, Lenore Koczon, Gerri Kuna, JoAnn Linrud, Teresa Loftesnes, Devin McCall, Annette Mennem, Wes Matthews, Susan Ness, Neil Nordquist, Cari Olson, Leon Perzinski, Rebecca Porter, Marv Semrau, Doreen Wald, Kris Warmoth, Jonelle Watson, Laurie Weber, and Deb Wentz

**Absent:** Stephen Banister, Libby Claerbout, Charlie Dorsa, David Fuller, Holly Major, Beth Odahlen, Lindsey Nelson, Gary Rabe, and Vicki Troftgruben

**Guests:** Justine Italiano, Susan Podrygula, Jessica Smestad, and Darla Weigel

**Approval of minutes** – minutes of February 20, 2013 meeting were approved as written.

**New Business**

**1. Senate Reports**

Faculty Senate

Senate has been busy meeting three times since our last Cabinet meeting. Have formed an ad-hoc committee to review evaluation forms which will include a line about providing student feedback throughout the semester. Motion came before the senate regarding a vote of no confidence in the Chancellor. Senate has decided to put it to a vote of all faculty – senate is taking a neutral stand and not persuading faculty to vote one way or the other. Personally, Mikhail has a student presenting in Washington, DC at the end of April. This student is the only ND student presenting

Staff Senate

Darla Weigel reported on behalf of Vicki Troftgruben. Staff senate is heading up a fundraiser to benefit the Domestic Violence Crisis Center. Currently soliciting for new or gently used items to be used in a silent auction with all proceeds going to DVCC. The ND Staff Senate Association will hold their meeting on the Minot State campus on June 18<sup>th</sup> in the Conference Center.

SGA

Leon Perzinski updated the Cabinet on SGA activities. Senators of the month were recognized; had 10% of student population participate in the recent student elections – national average is 3%; new officers were elected and will take over positions in the coming weeks.

**2. Legislative Update**

Bills have crossed over – higher education bill is now in the House and almost certainly there will be much review; much discussion on the Governor’s funding formula.

**3. Pathways to Student Success**

A very detailed presentation was shown to the group. Included in the report:

Kevin Harmon – presented details of the admissions portion of the Pathways plan. Items of note:

- High school core is capped at 15 courses
- Non-degree seeking students must formally apply for admission to obtain any degree
- Regional 4-year institutions (not Minot) have automatic admission score of 180
- Minot automatic admission score is 190
- Research campus automatic admission is 210
- Students not receiving automatic admission will be reviewed individually by admissions staff
  - Baseline score will be 20 points below the automatic admission score – this score is internal only – not to be shared publically.
  - Home-schooled students, out-of-state students lacking criteria and international students will be reviewed individually
- During first year of implementation there is to be no substantial negative impact to student enrollment
- The new index score/matrix will be used for students entering classes Fall of 2014

Kevin then went on to give an online demonstration of how the calculator works. It appears the model is weighted heavily to GPA. There are still several questions from all campuses that remain unanswered. These have been forwarded to the NDUS.

Lenore Koczon – presented details of the learning portion of the Pathways plan. Items of note:

- Dual credit courses will only be offered at community colleges and 4-year regionals
- All students including collaborative students are bound by home campus policy and procedure
- Blended tuition rates, which includes tuition and non-mandatory fees, for dual credit courses, offered off campus will be the same at community colleges and 4 year campuses by no later than fall 2015.
- Regional university currently offering associate degrees should not be offering their own remedial courses. Need to phase out associate degrees and arrange for a community college to offer these courses on site
- Geographical proximity should be given priority in determining which community college offers developmental courses on a regional campus
- Students requiring remedial/developmental coursework offered at a regional or Research University is set toward a goal of 20% for regional and 5% for research of the freshman class.

Bottineau does our English remediation

We can teach Math remediation until summer of 2014

Brian Foisy – presented details of the accountability portion of the Pathways plan. Items of note

- Tuition model changes to be announced no later than fall 2014 for implementation of fall 2015
- Per credit amount we submitted was \$195.95
- Per credit amount is the same regardless of online or on campus
- Separate tuition agreements will be allowed with agencies such as WICHE, MHEC and corporate

partners

- All undergraduate waivers are not to exceed 5% of prior year's tuition revenues
- Student athletes, employee, employee spouse/dependent waivers are outside the 5%
- Waivers do not include fees
- Separate budget will be set for graduate student waivers based on national peer benchmark data

There are still some questions remaining, in particular with the new tuition model pushed back to a fall 2015 implementation date and how that affects our Grow ND

#### **4. Centennial Update**

Marv Semrau gave a brief summary of Centennial events including:

5 sub committees have been working very hard on planning and organizing centennial events. These include:

##### Arts Committee:

- Commissioned artist to complete a sculpture for a 9/24/13 targeted unveiling – Alumni Association is handling fund raising
- Summer Theater will have a Centennial Celebration of Shrek in June and another main stage production in October
- Music is working with a composer on a new fight song
- Walter Piehl has agreed to produce a commemorative print at no cost to the university
- Arts in the Park will have a production on campus on August 4
- Minot Symphony will have a Centennial concert on October 12
- NWAC is planning centennial art shows
- Centennial celebration concert is being planned

##### Academics Committee:

- An academic symposium "MSU's Centennial Celebration: Great Plains Symposium" with Ian Frazier and others will be held on October 11 and 12
- Campus readings – six events are being planned

##### Technology Committee:

- Web site will launch 5/13/13
- Video is in production
- Photo gallery is in production
- MSU Centennial Celebration History Book authored by Mark Timbrook and Jonathan Wagner will have a May 2013 release – no cost to university – any proceeds from sales will go to scholarships

##### Marketing/Community/Government Committee:

- Supports all activities

- Banners for University Avenue and Broadway
- Centennial store through B & N Bookstore/Visit Minot (CVB)
- Calendars – printed and virtual
- Fair parades and booths

Special Events Committee:

- Announce MSU's Centennial Celebration at Commencement 2013
- Block Party 9/21/13 – partnership with Young Professionals
- Alumni Events
- Closing Event – commencement 2014
- Power of 100 Service Challenge – create a service project or participate in established project. Collect projects from all over nation and world from alumni and friends – post on web

All regular events scheduled throughout the year (Gala, NOTSTOCK, student events, etc.) will have a centennial theme

**5. Backpack Buddies Program**

The College of Business invited staff to join a leadership cohort where they were involved with various workshops and group sessions. One of the sessions required the group to identify and carry out a community service project.

The MSU Staff Leadership group researched many projects and decided to see if the Backpack Buddies Program was something that may be needed in Minot. Through their research of elementary schools in Minot, they found that 31% of children in MPS qualify for free or reduced lunch; the elementary school that was identified as the pilot school for this program has 49% of students qualifying for free lunches and 10% who qualify for reduced lunches. The Program provides nonperishable food items to students grades K-5 who are at risk of missing meals on the weekends. Backpacks are assembled on Wednesday and delivered to the school on Friday. A school coordinator with MPS will assist with delivery and collection of the backpacks.

The leadership group approached community partners about the program and through cooperation of the Welcome Table of Minot and the Souris Valley United Way, this program will kick off fall of 2013.

Cabinet members thought this was a very commendable project and would be a good fit for the Power of 100 Challenge that was just discussed as part of the Centennial events. An official press conference will take place at a later date.

**6. Announcements/Acknowledgements**

SGA – acknowledges Anton Huether in ITC for the development of the electronic voting program they used for elections this year. There are many programs out there than can be purchased but Anton was

able to develop one for our campus.

Native American Center – Powwow and Spring Honors Dance is on April 26 and 27. The club has brought in a widely known hoop dancer, Kevin Locke. He will be providing sessions for area elementary students as well as a performance on Friday evening at 8:00.

Hockey – come out and celebrate with MSU’s championship hockey team in the Beaver Dam next week. The whole team and coaches are to be commended for the way they acted throughout all the season – true professionals.

Marketing – MSU at the mall will be on April 13

Publications – please get orders for Centennial stationary into Publications.

Financial Aid office was recognized for their work in hosting another successful College Goal Sunday.

College of Business - State FBLA event was held at the State Fair Center this week and Jan Repnow is recognized for the hours of work she put into helping organize everything. Several College of Business staff as well as Wade in enrollment judged at the event.

Student Health – take part in the National Walking Day event next Wednesday from 12:15 – 12:45.

Physical Plant – snow crews were commended for their work in keeping the campus safe this winter.

Athletics – had numerous people on campus help out with the Class B tournament; fundraiser for volleyball player, Alex Parrone, today at Tutti Fruitti. Ms. Parrone is recovering from a brain tumor.

Library – join everyone at the library open house on April 15 at 1:30 to celebrate 20 years in the building

Alumni – Gala event will be held on April 26

Career Services – commend Susan Ness for the wonderful job she did in emceeing the Dress for Success event. The regular emcee could not make it at the last minute and Susan stepped in and did a great job.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:55

Submitted by Deb Wentz