

University Cabinet Minutes

July 9, 2012

Present: Stephen Banister, Lynda Bertsch, Libby Claerbout, Conrad Davidson, Lisa Eriksmoen, Brian Foisy (via phone), David Fuller, Russ Gagnon, Dale Gehring, Kevin Harmon, Rick Hedberg, Cathy Horvath, Dick Jenkins, David Klassy, Roger Kluck, Gerri Kuna, Lenore Koczon, JoAnn Linrud, Teresa Loftesnes, Holly Major, Annette Mennem, Lindsey Nelson, Susan Ness, Neil Nordquist, Beth Odahlen, Cari Olson, Leon Perzinski, Rebecca Porter, Marv Semrau, Carlos Soza, Vicki Troftgruben, Doreen Wald, Kris Warmoth, Jonelle Watson and Deb Wentz

Absent: Brent Askvig, Mikhail Bobylev, Wes Matthews, and Gary Rabe

Guests: Lori Garnes (NDCPD); Dr. Shirvani, Chancellor of NDUS

Approval of minutes – minutes of the May 16, 2012 meeting were approved as written

New Business

1. Welcome

Dr. Fuller welcomed the Chancellor to our meeting and explained the membership and purpose of the University Cabinet.

All members were asked to introduce themselves and briefly talk about what responsibilities fall under their supervision.

2. Senate Reports

Staff – staff is busy right now preparing for the fall kick-off event on August 15th. The event will again be held in the loop area south of Old Main. Work is also starting on preparing for the 2012 Homecoming parade. We continue to work on the proposal for the legislature regarding wage/expense increases in western North Dakota.

SGA – not much happens during the summer but we are looking forward to being back on campus before school opens and get things going.

3. Chancellor Shirvani

The Chancellor expressed to the group what a privilege and honor it is for him to serve as Chancellor of the NDUS. He believes the system has many good successes and accomplishments but it will still face many challenges in particular, with the legislature. We all need to work together and put issues and past controversies aside.

We are poised to go to the next level to unite and serve the citizens of North Dakota. Our focus – everything we do – must be on the students. We need to explain to legislators and others the importance of higher education to the state.

For the time being, the chancellor is focusing on the budget. He has added additional funding for those colleges/universities impacted by the oil boom.

Dr. Fuller thanked the Chancellor and Cabinet members for their participation in this meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00.

Submitted by Deb Wentz