

University Cabinet Minutes September 19, 2007

Present: Bethany Andreasen, Tania Balas, Caren Barnett, Lynda Bertsch, Chad Carr, Libby Claerbout, Sheila Collins, Linda Cresap, Conrad Davidson, Ron Dorn, Jared Edwards, Sandy Foley, David Fuller, Russ Gagnon, John Girard, Wylie Hammond, Rick Hedberg, Cathy Horvath, Dick Jenkins, JoAnn Linrud, Teresa Loftesnes, Wes Matthews, Neil Nordquist, Sandy Nordstrom, Gary Rabe, Wade Regier, Marv Semrau, Kim Thompson, Kris Warmoth, Jonelle Watson, and Deb Wentz

Absent: Brad Damm, Lisa Eriksmoen, Bryce Fifield, Dale Gehring, Leon Perzinski, and Ann Rivera

Also Attending: Susie Mack and Laurie Weber

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the June 20, 2007 meeting were approved as written

Department Updates – Calendar – Acknowledgements

Faculty and staff recognitions included: R. Walker, W. Matthews, L. Claerbout, N. Yellow Bird, D. Chandler, and R. Porter.

Current issues/area reports

Paul Brekke is now a certified personal trainer

Minot State University is now a J-1 Visa Designated sponsor, which means we can invite international faculty, staff and students for study, research or teaching. Previous visas allowed only for full-time, degree seeking students or long-term, temporary workers.

Scheels at Dakota Square has posted homecoming posters.

Bookstore – Barnes & Nobel may begin renovations as early as November 1. The Bookstore will be open Saturday of homecoming. They will also be selling MSU gear at the tailgate party.

HR - Everyone is reminded to sign up via the web, for the harassment training on October 9 and 10. Please encourage staff to do so as well.

International Office - Representatives from Telemark University College will be on campus October 9 and 10 to work on the details of the memorandum that was signed with them in June. International Programs has a new web site that provides much better information for students. The first mandatory orientation for international students was held during the first week of school and proved to be very successful.

Bottineau – the Evergreen event is set for September 29th. MSU-Bottineau has received a grant for their horticulture program.

Public Information – everyone is reminded to review and use the common calendar that is now accessible through our web page. More training sessions will be forthcoming.

Enrollment Services – there are some refinements that will be made to the Connect sessions in the future. Less than 1% of students registered without completing an orientation session. Last year that number was 50%. We are currently looking at replacing the academic waiver with the Great Plains Scholar Award which will reward students with higher GPA/ACT scores as well as their civic engagement involvement.

Athletics – there are several reunions scheduled in conjunction with homecoming. Everyone is encouraged to take part in the activities this weekend – parade, tailgating, football game, and the Hall of Fame banquet.

College of Business – will have a space available at the tailgate party for their alums. Hopefully, there will be enough interest to do something annually in conjunction with homecoming activities. The College will hold an Advisory Board meeting on October 3 in the conference center. It will begin at 2:00 with a social to follow around 4:30.

College of Education and HS – have received very positive responses from those who participated in the mind/brain seminar. They were very impressed with the interdisciplinary approach.

Foundations of Excellence – will be organizing dimensional committees soon; there will be an on-line survey for faculty and staff to complete as well as first time students which should give us a good idea of how we are doing. A brief presentation will be provided to the SBHE when they are on campus tomorrow.

Centers of Excellence – our proposal goes to the committee on Friday at 9:15 a.m. in Bismarck.

Student Government – students have voted to change their organization name to the MSU Student Government Association. This may also involve changing some of the senator titles as well. Students are making good use of the Beaver Dam and since school has started, it is nearly packed every day. The students have been approached by community representatives about starting up a Young Professionals (YP) chapter on campus. MSU and the Chamber will be hosting a kickoff social on October 4th. It will be a great way to network with the community.

Our YP chapter will be very unique as it will be the first time that a university has been involved. The Chamber is also looking at getting university students involved with their board.

Advancement – the 25th Annual Gala is scheduled for October 5 and will be held at the MSU Dome. Everyone was encouraged to take part in the Annual Giving Campaign.

Kate Neuhalfen has accepted the position of Donor Relations Specialist in the Advancement office.

Everyone is reminded to join the students for lunch in the quad today.

Third week enrollment figures

The official enrollment is 3,424, which is a decrease from last year. The numbers definitely reflect those students that had to be dropped for non-payment, per NDUS policy, which all institutions are supposed to adhere to.

Updates on building projects

The Atrium project is moving along with work on the post office area already taking place. Signs around buildings are being installed. There will need to be some trees along Broadway that will need to be relocated to other areas on campus so there is room for a monument sign.

President's Report

Dr. Fuller summarized all events and activities that have taken place since the last meeting.

Cornerstone goals for 2007-08

Based on the Action Plans that were distributed at Convocation, the cabinet determined which goals should be included in the alignment plan. These will be prioritized by President's staff prior to the October 4th submission date.

Adjournment

There will be no after cabinet discussion tomorrow due to the SBHE meeting on campus. The next cabinet meeting will be held October 17. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Deb Wentz