

University Cabinet Minutes

April 19, 2017

Present: Stephen Banister, Paul Brekke, Andy Carter, Libby Claerbout, Linda Cresap, Conrad Davidson, Lisa Dooley, Patrick Friley, Russ Gagnon, Laurie Geller, Kevin Harmon, Rick Hedberg, Andy Heitkamp, Gerri Kuna, Teresa Loftesnes, Holly Major, Devin McCall, Janna McKechnie, Annette Mennem, Jacek Mrozik, Beth Odahlen, Cari Olson, Gary Orluck, Leon Perzinski, Rebecca Ringham, Mindy Rudnick, Zeni Shabani, Steven Shirley, Jessica Smestad, Brian Smith, Katie Tyler, Doreen Wald, Kris Warmoth, Jonelle Watson, Laurie Weber, Deb Wentz, Lori Willoughby, Brent Winiger, and George Withus.

Absent: Brent Askvig, Lynda Bertsch, Melissa Fettig, Jerry Migler, Cheryl Nilsen, Aaron Richard, and Marc Wachtfogel

Approval of minutes: minutes of March 22, 2017 meeting approved as presented.

New Business

1. Senate Reports

Faculty Senate

- Elections are coming up soon
- NDSU faculty senate sent a letter of crisis of confidence to all faculty senates in the NDUS to see if there is support; this will be discussed with our senate on Thursday
- Nine NDSU Distinguished Faculty also sent a letter to legislators regarding budget cuts; this will also be discussed at senate
- Starfish, Gen Ed assessment, and Gen Ed programs will be presented to senate

Staff Senate

Senate President, Mindy Rudnick provided the following report:

- Silent Auction is scheduled for May 4 and 5; proceeds will go to Serenity Therapeutic Equine Program
- There are two more In the Know sessions left
- Courtney Corpe was last month's High 5 Award winner
- Staff satisfaction survey went out yesterday
- Elections will be held in the next few weeks

Student Government Association

The following report was provided by Leon Perzinski:

- Aaron Richard is the new SGA President
- New SGA officers will hold their first meeting on the 24th

2. HLC

- Public Comment announcement must go out by April 30
- Looking into a campus awareness campaign prior to the HLC visit so everyone knows what to expect

3. President's Report

- The higher education bill has moved to committee where three senators and three representatives will work out the differences between the two versions; there is really not that much difference between the Senate and House versions
- Still do not know if there will be funding for any Challenge Grants
- NDSU's nursing program in Bismarck has drawn a lot of media attention
- Senate proposed a tuition cap at 3%; House proposes 4%
- House wants a comprehensive study done on the two year colleges
- Once the committee comes to agreement, the bill will go to the full floor for vote; hopefully that will happen early next week
- BRC finished their work a while ago and has since forwarded recommendations to President's Staff; should be resolved by the first week in May
- SBHE will be on campus next Thursday and Regents will be here on Friday

4. Announcements/Acknowledgements

VPSA – please join the students on Friday as they lead a campus clean up event for Earth Day; thanks to C. Olson for her work on the student satisfaction survey

VPAF – keep a tight rein on any spending

Athletics – will be hosting a baseball alumni gathering at Corbett Field next Saturday

Advancement – Gala next Friday; capital campaign donor social next Thursday evening; continue to share stories with PIO

VPAA – computer science students won a regional robotics competition in Wisconsin; the Northern Plains Conference in Early British Literature will be held on campus beginning this Friday; assessment days for next academic year are on October 9 and February 20; convocation mini-sessions will be held on August 21

CEL – will be hosting a Bismarck reception in two weeks for all Bismarck grads – have around 30; we have 23 camps for College for Kids this summer – will have a few new ones

POWER – planning for summer and fall

Registrar – consumed with Commencement at this time of year!

CAS – many cultural events coming up – symphony, band concert, jazz concert, etc.; summer theater schedule has been set

Student Center – employee appreciation in on May 10; finals breakfast is on May 8th

Publications & Design – very busy with year-end requests

Grad School – thank you to Marketing Department for their help in getting the graduate program publication in the Minot Daily News; L. Paige has resigned her position effective April 25

Sodexo – employee appreciation lunch is on April 25

NA – Powwow presentation will take place at 1:00 next Friday – encourage people to attend; N. Yellowbird will also be honored this year because of her retirement from MSU; attended a diversity conference last week and will be looking at possibly getting some of the presenters here for diversity events; working with NDCPD on a Bridges event; shared an article on one of our students being featured in his hometown paper – good advertising for MSU

Alumni – this year's Gala event is sold out; nominations for Golden Awards will be coming out next week; Homecoming 2018 - we will be celebrating the 90th anniversary of homecoming at MSU

Wellness – continuing with the Step Up training

CoB – annual college banquet will be held in May; the Strategic Plan will be sent out soon

Veterans – thank you to all that attended the tour of the MAFB; have been busy serving as greeters at many military events; thanks to the Honors group for offering the mental health training session

Library – the therapy dog will be in the library on May 4; finished going through journals in the lower level and now are waiting for the bids to come in for the renovation – bids are due May 2

DCB – will have 5 or 6 students coming in through the Passport program

IR – many satisfaction surveys being completed; Fact Book is done and posted on the web

Marketing – will provide a live stream of the Symphony performance on April 30th so parents who are unable to attend may still view

International – business as usual; have been assisting the NDUS with certain projects as one of their staff is on a family leave

Bookstore – regalia will be here next Friday

Enrollment – will be hosting 49 students this weekend for our Open House events; we have 102 scheduled for orientation on April 28; the various orientation programs were reviewed

Financial Aid – conducted an email/postcard campaign to encourage FAFSA completion

Business Office – we are using the new system now to record time/absences – please be sure to go in on the 16th and the 1st of each month and approve for your people

Honors – will be hosting a 2 day mental health event on Thursday and Friday of this week

CETL – if your department is interested in participating in the Welcome Week(end) sessions please complete the form by May 1; the events begin on Friday, August 18th and run through Monday, August 21; please consider helping out next Friday – will need many to help with registration in the library; we have 15 FYE for fall; almost done with spring – presently at 7

Title IX – thanks to all who attended the events last week to raise awareness of sexual assault

Security – the EOP manual has been updated; working with community responders on an emergency drill scheduled for May 15 in the Dome

Housing – 157 returning students have been assigned – still waiting on a few more that haven't completed the online application; RHA elections are tonight; still waiting for final policy on right to carry on campus

Facilities – have received approval to pave the parking lot for the facilities building behind the Dome – should be done as soon as we can and then make the move over the summer

IT – trying to meet the needs of everything going on next week (SBHE, Regents, Powwow, etc.); Duo is about 50% completed; D. Olson working on digitalizing student health records

5. Acknowledgements

Two Financial Aid staff were recognized for earning professional certification in their field
Thank you to all that participated in MSU at the Mall and in the ND Legislative HE Showcase

Adjourned at 10:30

Respectfully submitted, Deb Wentz