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TO: MSU Faculty, Staff, Student Leaders, and Board Members

FROM: David Fuller

SUBJECT: ¹Monthly President's Report

Current

Fall Enrollment projections and housing

Now that we're about two months before the start of the fall semester, the preliminary enrollment projections and housing residency figures are positive. A lot can change between now and the official census date, but at this point the figures are very encouraging.

Hosted meetings with local legislators

We held a meeting recently with all local legislators to provide updates on MSU's Centers of Excellence proposals, the geothermal capital project request to the SBHE, and the proposal for expanded authority for the Health and Wellness Center. The legislators heard reports on the COE projects and the Health and Wellness Center, which will be considered by the Budget Section on June 22, and the geothermal proposal that will be acted upon by the SBHE.

Visit to National Economic University in Vietnam

Dr. JoAnn Linrud, Dr. Gary Ross, and I travelled to Vietnam the first week of June to meet with the National Economics University (NEU) in Hanoi. We had signed a cooperative partnership agreement with NEU earlier and met with officials from NEU to discuss potential articulation partnerships in business. NEU was founded in 1956, and is considered as the most distinguished university in Vietnam with an enrollment close to 40,000 students. The College of Business will be discussing details for undergraduate and graduate partnerships.

Preparation for Budget Section Presentation on June 22

Minot State is on the agenda for the Budget Section to propose an expansion in its Health and Wellness Center authority. While bids have not been let for the project, we are anticipating the potential for the cost of the project to exceed the original authorization of \$10.8 million. We are seeking the expanded authority (not additional dollars) to support a skywalk from Swain to the Center, a climbing wall, and exercise equipment. Full proposals and documentation have been distributed to the legislators on the Budget Section.

¹ The President's Report is a monthly summary of activities in the president's office and current issues affecting the campus. The report is distributed widely to keep the community up to date on current initiatives and decisions. The report is provided at the monthly meeting of the University Cabinet, an advisory council comprised of all supervisory directors, vice presidents, and senate presidents. This report is distributed electronically to all faculty and staff, student leaders, the Board of Regents, Foundation Board of Directors, and Alumni Board. The report is also posted on the university's web site. Anyone interested in learning more about this information may contact the President's Office or the president directly.

Centers of Excellence approvals and future reviews

Minot State's two COE proposals, which have received approval from the COE Commission and the SBHE, will be presented to the Emergency Commission and eventually to the Budget Section for review and approval. We are hopeful to receive approval on these notable projects.

Meeting with Minot's city planning consultant

The City of Minot has contracted with a master planning consulting firm to conduct a review and prepare a plan for the city. The consultant met with me and others at Minot State to seek our input and to anticipate the coordination of the city plan with the university.

Collaboration with Trinity

We are continuing to hold meetings with Trinity to identify opportunities for further collaboration. With the COE Geriatric Research project with Trinity, we have now been looking at ways to cooperate with Trinity in the training of nurses. Our nursing department and faculty have been discussing ways to enhance our partnerships with Trinity and the training of nurses.

Transition planning in VPAF office

I have been holding meetings with offices and directors who report directly to Ron Dorn. We have been reviewing pending projects and discussing how we can make the transition effective for the departments involved. Brian Foisy, our new VPAF, will be starting July 1 and he will have an opportunity to work with Mr. Dorn for about a week before Ron leaves.

Sodexo

The transition from Chartwells to Sodexo will be occurring in the final week of June. Sodexo officials have been on campus to discuss this transition and future plans.

List of Selected Activities and Events in President's Office (since May 26, 2010)

May

- Report to Alumni Association Board of Directors
- Trinity Board meeting
- NDUS conference call
- President's Staff meetings

June

- Trip to National Economics University in Vietnam
- SBHE meeting to review and approve MSU's Centers of Excellence proposals
- Hosted lunch with a regent
- Transition planning with Ron Dorn and Roger Kluck
- Verdendrye Electric Coop Annual meeting
- Victims' Assistance Academy graduation
- President's Staff meetings
- Discussion regarding nursing collaboration with Trinity
- Meeting with a local legislator
- Hosted meeting with local legislators to discuss Budget Section presentation, COE proposals, and geothermal capital project.
- Meeting with city planning consultant for Minot
- Conference call with Chancellor
- Chamber Board of Directors meeting
- Staff senate
- Meeting with Sodexo representative regarding transition

Concluding Remarks

Things are going well this summer. Summer Theater is now underway, our many summer classes and programs are doing well, construction on the football field is progressing, we're looking forward to getting started on the Wellness Center, and the signs for fall look very encouraging. And, of course, the campus looks beautiful, as always, thanks to our physical plant staff and the exceptional job they do with the grounds and our buildings.

I wish for a continued and prosperous summer to all of you.

David Fuller
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