

University Cabinet Minutes
January 23, 2013

Present: Stephen Banister, Caren Barnett, Lynda Bertsch, William Chew, Charlie Dorsa, Lisa Eriksmoen, Brian Foisy, David Fuller, Russ Gagnon, Laurie Geller, Kevin Harmon, Rick Hedberg, Cathy Horvath, Dick Jenkins, Lenore Koczon, Gerri Kuna, JoAnn Linrud, Teresa Loftesnes, Devon McCall, Annette Mennem, Wes Matthews, Susan Ness, Neil Nordquist, Beth Odahlen, Cari Olson, Leon Perzinski, Rebecca Porter, Dan Ringrose, Marv Semrau, Vicki Troftgruben, Doreen Wald, Kris Warmoth, and Laurie Weber

Absent: Brent Askvig, Mikhail Bobylev, Libby Claerbout, Conrad Davidson, Holly Major, Lindsey Nelson, Gary Rabe, Jonelle Watson (excused because of financial aid disbursement), and Deb Wentz

Guests: Bethany Andresen and Kevin Kvale

Approval of minutes – minutes of December 19, 2012 meeting were approved as written.

New Business

1. Senate Reports

Faculty Senate

Lenore Koczon, and Laurie Geller provided an update on senate activities. The Curriculum Committee proposed a few programs that requested to have credits decreased to 120. These were approved by Faculty Senate. A motion to lower the required concentrations from three to two was defeated.

The Assessment Committee chair asked for a reprieve from giving the CLA assessment test so they could review and figure out the best way to go.

- President Fuller stated that Chancellor Shirvani is introducing CLA to the State Board of Higher Education and will be asking for ideas on the assessment program.

Staff Senate

Vicki Troftgruben thanked Dr. Fuller for using the Cost-of-Living Legislative Subcommittee's proposal in his Senate Appropriations presentation.

On Jan 8, Chancellor Shirvani was at UND, and all Staff Senates across the North Dakota University System could listen and ask questions of Chancellor Shirvani.

VPAA, Koczon attended the January 15 Staff Senate meeting to discuss the HLC Open Pathways and solicit ideas on how MSU can proceed.

Staff Senate is holding a silent auction to help raise money for the Domestic Violence Center, which lost its two shelters and administrative office in the 2011 flood. The auction will be in the early part of April –

watch for more information to come.

SGA

Leon Perzinski updated the Cabinet on SGA activities. The SGA began the semester with a retreat to review goals and upcoming events, as well as discuss a possible logo. SGA is working with Teresa Loftesnes and Doreen Wald on the design of the logo. The new SGA website is up and running with a big thank you to Anton Huether for his help. SGA is beginning the interview process for various director positions including, Homecoming, public relations, entertainment and others.

Since the “Penny for Patients” campaign was such a great success last year, SGA is bringing it back again. There will be a community event in the Dome – watch for further information in daily announcements.

2. Open Forums

President Fuller will hold two open forums January 31, times to be determined. These forums will be to update the campus about the budget, relook at Vision 2013 and report on where we are with Pathways to Student Success Program.

3. Legislative Presentation

On January 14th MSU presented to the Senate Appropriations Committee as well as the Education Committee. We are requesting a base budget restoration to help support needs to pre-flood levels. We also had a special request for emergency deficiency appropriation for flood related student and faculty/staff housing. And a final special request for deficiency appropriation to cover unreimbursed FEMA flood expenses.

4. Pathways to Student Success Progress

VPAA Koczon stated there is a lot of shifting and pulling back on the Pathways. Math 102 can be taught on the MSU campus until 2014; with this update, changes are happening to get Math 102 on the schedule. Dr. Koczon noted that the NDUS office is in “no harm” mode right now.

Brian Foisy explained that the course fees, class fees etc. will go away and a per credit fee will be established. The deadlines for the financial part are by February 2013. MSU has submitted \$195.95 for a per credit fee. We have not received any feedback from NDUS thus far.

5. Enrollment

Rebecca Porter reported that first day numbers were up 2.5%. MSU is up 203 part-time students and down 97 full-time students as of Jan 22. There is a definite shift to more part-time students vs. full-time students and translates into 648 lost credits.

President Fuller stated the Chancellor Shirvani wants the NDUS schools to increase their retention rate 5% each year over the next six-years.

6. Announcements / Acknowledgements

Student Affairs - Fraud Hotline posters were distributed to Cabinet members. Jenkins is MSU's point of contact. He advised that everyone should have received an individual email about the Fraud Hotline.

College of Business- Gary Ross, management professor, will be on the KXMC Noon Show today to discuss the integrated classes and the U.S. News & World Report's ranking for online business graduate programs.

College of Education and Health Sciences - the Teacher Education Retreat will be held tomorrow. They will be addressing the standards for teacher education

Marketing - save the date of April 13 for MSU at the Mall. She also asked for suggestions for the Be In the Know sessions.

Marketing is working on a fundraiser for the Roosevelt Park Zoo – more information will be forthcoming.

Student Health - The MLK volunteer event was very successful again this year with many faculty, staff, and students participating and in particular, our student athletes who showed up in great numbers to help in the community.

Facilities Management – security update was provided such as what to do in the event of a shooter on campus or a bomb threat situation. The emergency operating plan will be updated and included in the MSU handbook. More training will be provided in the future.

Public information - KCJB wants to feature, "What to do at MSU" every Monday at 1:06 p.m. for five minutes beginning January 28 for five months. Dr. Fuller will have two Mondays each month; Ness is looking for other ideas for the remaining two Mondays of each month.

Student Wellness and Development –the MSU Beaver Hockey Team was congratulated as they are ranked third nationally

VPAA - Dr. Mikhail Bobylev, associate professor of chemistry, received his first U.S. patent for a synthesis of new agrochemicals and pharmaceuticals.

Advancement –a big thank you to Teresa Loftesnes, Doreen Wald and others who helped complete Dr. Fullers legislative report.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:35am.
Submitted by Celeste Simmons for Deb Wentz