

University Cabinet Minutes
February 19, 2014

Present: Brent Askvig, Stephen Banister, Caren Barnett, Lynda Bertsch, Lisa Eriksmoen, David Fuller, Russ Gagnon, Laurie Geller, Kevin Harmon, Rick Hedberg, Cathy Horvath, Alysia Huck, Dick Jenkins, Lenore Koczon, Gerri Kuna, Teresa Loftesnes, Holly Major, Wes Matthews, Devin McCall, Christine McIntosh, Jacek Mrozik, Kevin Neuharth, Neil Nordquist, Cari Olson, Josh Sandy, Marv Semrau, Doreen Wald, Kris Warmoth, Jonelle Watson, and Laurie Weber

Absent: William Chew, Libby Claerbout, Conrad Davidson, Brian Foisy, Annette Mennem, Beth Odahlen, Leon Perzinski, Rebecca Porter, Gary Rabe, Derek Van Dyke, and Deb Wentz

Guests: Lindsey Benson, Ashley Blake, Julie Keller, Brandon Neiss, Celeste Simmons, and Virginie Vournas,

Approval of minutes: minutes of December 18, 2013 meeting were approved as written.

New Business

1. Senate Reports

Faculty Senate

Gen Ed courses are being approved. Gen Ed has another 33 approved and coming to Senate on February 27. The Wellness Group classes will be grandfathered in with recertification by 2016. Ad hoc committee met regarding open textbooks/EBooks/rentals the full report shows that MSU campus is using this approach to help our students with cost. An ad hoc committee was created to review the course evaluations with a meeting in March. Annual Elections will be held April 11 (Colleges) and April 23 (Faculty).

Staff Senate

Lindsey Benson reported that February 11 Staff Senate presented a Be In the Know session. Senate is still working towards completion of their power of 100 project – as of today they have obtained 196 volunteer hours but are hoping for more by April 1. Senate will once again hold a silent auction in mid-April with donations raised going to area food pantries. The auction will be in the student center conference room.

SGA

The intra mural committee has been working with the Wellness Center and now all intra mural events have been moved to the center. Minot State will be hosting the NDSA February 21-22. SGA is discussing an increase in student fees to help with sustainability. Student groups can apply to wear an honor stole for graduation - must submit an application to Registrar's office for approval.

2. Pathways/NDUS

There is a continued push for pathways without reviewing all aspects. A SBHE member wanted all reviews completed by March 1, 2014 on the Pathways initiative. Kevin Harmon noted that Minot State is asking for more time - at least one year to review the core of Pathways; such as admissions calculator (MSU score would be 170-190 for admittance and lower score will not be divulged), transfer numbers (24 credit limit currently and this would be moved to 30 credits / 2.5 GPA) MSU would lose students. Trying

to keep Grow ND as this is a great program for MSU. Russ Gagnon/DBC stated that the 24 to 30 transfer for remediation do not transfer and cannot carry the 15 credits. Credits would count for financial aid. The 30 / 2.5 GPA would not work for the students.

3. Early Alert

Holly Major updated the Cabinet on the Early Alert progress. The form has been condensed per request. Students really like the feedback. Lynda Bertsch calls the advisor for each student on the early alert so they are aware of the situation. A software program is needed to house the information. The Starfish program is about \$15k.

4. Constitutional Measure 3

The talking points are on the document. Members are asked to review this information with your direct reports.

5. Presidential Search update

Three candidates have advanced and will be interviewing with the SBHE on February 27th on the MiSU campus. The 3 candidates are Dr. Clemo, Dr. Slann and Dr. Shirley.

6. Announcements/Acknowledgements

Arts & Sciences – Play Waiting for Lefty will be playing at the Aleshire Theater.

Marketing – Be In the Know session Music Extravaganza, Ann Nicole Hall on February 21 @ 2:00pm. MSU at the Mall will be held on April 5th beginning at noon.

Financial Aid – There are 1,000 scholarship applications going out.

Student Success Center – March 12 is the “Dress for Success” show at noon in the Beaver Dam

Athletics – Woman’s Basketball will be hosting the 1st round playoff game on February 26th.

Registrar’s office – Introduced the new Administrative Assistant – Kimberley Johnson

Lisa Eriksmoen – Men’s hockey goes to Delaware for the playoff game.

7. Other

Dr. Fuller gave a brief update on the blue lights initiative. The system has the ability to do notifications on campus or give information where you are located on the campus grounds.

Geothermal had a problem between Wellness and Dome. The geothermal was taken off line until it could be fixed. During this time the two buildings were using gas to keep them warm. The EAPC engineer said issue is now fixed and all are back on geothermal heating.

Adjourned at 10:35am

Respectfully submitted, Celeste Simmons