

University Cabinet Minutes  
February 20, 2013

**Present:** Stephen Banister, Caren Barnett, Lynda Bertsch, William Chew, Libby Claerbout, Conrad Davidson, Charlie Dorsa, Lisa Eriksmoen, Brian Foisy, David Fuller, Russ Gagnon, Laurie Geller, Kevin Harmon, Dick Jenkins, Lenore Koczon, Gerri Kuna, JoAnn Linrud, Teresa Loftesnes, Holly Major, Devin McCall, Annette Mennem, Wes Matthews, Susan Ness, Neil Nordquist, Beth Odahlen, Cari Olson, Leon Perzinski, Rebecca Porter, Marv Semrau, Vicki Troftgruben, Doreen Wald, Kris Warmoth, Jonelle Watson, Laurie Weber, and Deb Wentz

**Absent:** Brent Askvig, Mikhail Bobylev, Rick Hedberg, Cathy Horvath, Lindsey Nelson, Gary Rabe

**Guests:** Lori Garnes, Anton Huether, Donna Marquardt, and Chad McNally

**Approval of minutes** – minutes of January 23, 2013 meeting were approved as written.

**New Business**

**1. Senate Reports**

Faculty Senate

Lenore Koczon provided an update on senate activities. Curriculum committee had several program changes that were all approved. Promotion committee recommended two promotions based on the exceptional category – senate voted to postpone action on these requests until the next meeting. A resolution was passed in support of academic freedom and supporting the efforts of NDSU faculty senate to uphold the same.

Staff Senate

Vicki Troftgruben three scholarships have been awarded at \$75 each to one employee and two dependents of employees. Opportunities for professional development will be available shortly. Senate is assisting with the Domestic Violence Crisis Center fundraiser. Senate will be collecting snacks for the Penny Carnival on February 28<sup>th</sup>.

SGA

Leon Perzinski updated the Cabinet on SGA activities. The SGA has done some shifting of positions and now has a VP for Finance. They have also added Media Relations and Director of Marketing. Pennies for Patients carnival will be in the Dome on 2/28/13 from 6-8 p.m. Preparing for the NDSA meeting in Bismarck on Friday and Saturday night.

**2. Legislative Update**

The Board of Regents held a social in Bismarck for all legislators. It was well attended and provided a good opportunity to provide information to them regarding our requests this year. Presented a good video of how the flood affected our campus and students and how students are still affected today with the limited affordable housing that is available around the campus. Legislators were very receptive.

There are a number of bills coming through that we are watching that could have an impact to our students and staff.

On the federal level it looks like there will be a flat rate cut on a number of programs. This could possibly affect our JCEMP. Could also have major impact on military as well (MAFB).

### **3. Pathways to Student Success**

We have submitted our tuition and fees proposal. Should have more information regarding these after the March SBHE meeting.

The academic officers received a procedural handout regarding the processes to follow in implementing the Pathways program. Campuses are asked to respond to suggestions in the document. The plan seems to change quite regularly which makes it a little difficult to share with high school counselors and students since nothing is really clear.

Graduation rates have become a much discussed subject lately with various reports presented to legislators. We need to make sure that we are compared to true peers and not some that were included in the report to legislators. An updated list of peer institutions will be sent out.

### **4. Announcements/Acknowledgements**

College of Business- JoAnn Linrud, college dean, has announced her retirement at the end of this fiscal year. A national search will be conducted.

Student Health – we are once again reaccredited as a CEO Cancer Gold Standard Employer for this year.

Men's Club Hockey – this past weekend was the best weekend of college hockey MSU has ever had. Even though the team beat the #2 team in the nation, we remain ranked at #3. Cheer the team on as they compete at Nationals the first weekend in March.

Athletics – good weekend for both the men's and women's basketball teams last Friday and Saturday as they beat Bemidji and Crookston.

Arts & Sciences – had another successful Darwin Days event with many people attending the various lectures and presentations.

Registrar – 4<sup>th</sup> week numbers are up 15 students although there is a decrease in credit production due

to increases in PT students. Showed a dramatic increase in out-of-state students.

International – significant increases every semester – hard to predict the impact of dropping the Grow ND program on international enrollments.

Enrollment Management - We are very competitive internationally as far as tuition rates go. We should fight to keep the Grow ND program otherwise we will suffer greatly domestically.

CEL – enrollment is down a bit for on line. Currently looking at some new initiatives to offer - more niche programs.

CETL – will begin an engagement honor roll designation for students that will be recorded on their transcript

Dr. Fuller reminded everyone that we do need more acknowledgements. There are a lot of good things happening in departments across campus, let's take the time to recognize these and congratulate people on their hard work.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:00  
Submitted by Deb Wentz