

**University Cabinet Minutes**  
**February 21, 2007**  
**Westlie Room – 9:00 a.m.**

**Present:** Caren Barnett, Tania Balas, Lynda Bertsch, Libby Claerbout, George Clark, Linda Cresap, Alexandra Deufel, Ron Dorn, Julie Drum, Bryce Fifield, David Fuller, Russ Gagnon, Dale Gehring, Ali Guitian, Wylie Hammond, Rick Hedberg, Cathy Horvath, Yueh-Ting Lee, JoAnn Linrud, Teresa Loftesnes, Wes Matthews, Neil Nordquist, Sandy Nordstrom, Leon Perzinski, Gary Rabe, Ann Rivera, Kim Thompson, Kris Warmoth, Jonelle Watson, and Deb Wentz.

**Absent:** Brad Damm, Jared Edwards, Lisa Eriksmoen, Sandy Foley, and Dick Jenkins,

Dr. Fuller called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of the January 27, 2007 meeting were approved as presented.

**New Business**

1. Calendar of Activities/Updates

The calendar of events was distributed. No changes to note.

2. Current issues/Area reports

Be in the Know – the second session will be held today.

MSU at the Mall – mark you calendars for April 28<sup>th</sup> “MSU at the Mall”.

Congratulations to CEL Dean, Kris Warmoth

Housing staff is currently interviewing for RA Staff. As of today, we have 62 applications for residence housing with 13 exceptions from Minot freshmen.

Etiquette dinner – we have 85 people signed up.

Student Association – students across campus are participating in the Newspaper Pilot Program during the month of March.

Faculty Senate – have voted to forward report for approval to President’s staff.

Legislative – Senate appropriation hearings for higher education is next Wednesday.

Business office will be implementing changes to the FYE closing procedures. Will result in closing of the FYE at a much sooner date.

Barnes and Noble will officially take over bookstore operations as of 3/5/07

International Programs – have turned in our Department of State J1 Visa application and should know in a few months if we receive designation. A trip is being planned to the University of the West Indies – Trinidad & Tobago to take place over spring break, to discuss collaborative opportunities. As of this date, we have 45 people going on the China trip – 10 are students, the rest are community members.

A trip to Minot's sister city, Skien, Norway, is being planned for the first week in June. The trip will also include visits to Denmark and Sweden to visit other universities and talk about possible agreements.

Minot HS – an event was held for MSU to present to students throughout the day – over 900 students attended.

College of Business – a meeting has been scheduled with the Minot HR group to talk about the MSM program. Community organizations will also receive presentations (Kiwanis, Rotary, etc) and they are currently airing TV and radio ads regarding the program.

Fort Totten – there will be 29 students on campus tomorrow.

Approximately 250 students attended the Mardi Gras dance. Tonight is the grand opening for the Beaver Dam. Special events are planned all week to get students to visit the Beaver Dam.

Rick reminded everyone of the basketball tournaments that have been taking place at the Dome and thanked everyone for their cooperation in welcoming people to campus, helping answer questions, and for being understanding of parking issues that may arise.

MSU Art students recently took 9 awards at a regional competition in Bismarck.

Chris Keller will replace Chris Beachy as chair of Biology.

The food cart in the Library will be moved to a more visible area upstairs.

Seven faculty recently returned from a conference in San Francisco regarding the brain studies program. There is a lot of excitement regarding this program.

There will be a MOU signed with Turtle Mountain Community College next Tuesday.

Deans Council has proposed a change in the recognition of student academic performance and starting with the spring semester, Deans will recognize those students with a GPA of 3.5 – 3.79 and the President will recognize those with GPA of 3.80 – 4.00.

An IT Advisory Committee has been organized and has held their first meeting.

3. Update on Federal Appropriations Requests– requests have been submitted for:
  - a. Northern Great Plains Research & Development Institute
  - b. Rural Meth Program – RCJC
  - c. Autism Program – NDCPD
  - d. JCEMP

e. PDCD Economic Intelligence Program

4. Legislative Week in Review– This information was sent via email and will continue to be sent to Cabinet to keep them apprised of matters taking place within state government.

5. President's Report – The President's report was reviewed and cabinet members are encouraged to discuss with their respective areas. An After Cabinet discussion will take place tomorrow morning at 7:30 in the Multicultural room.

6. Recognitions and acknowledgements – February acknowledgements were distributed prior to the cabinet meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 21, 2007

Submitted by, Deb Wentz