

University Cabinet Minutes
April 16, 2014

Present: Brent Askvig, Stephen Banister, Caren Barnett, William Chew, Libby Claerbout, Lisa Eriksmoen, Brian Foisy, David Fuller, Russ Gagnon, Laurie Geller, Kevin Harmon, Rick Hedberg, Andy Heitkamp, Cathy Horvath, Alysia Huck, Dick Jenkins, Lenore Koczon, Gerri Kuna, Teresa Loftesnes, Holly Major, Wes Matthews, Devin McCall, Annette Mennem, Jacek Mrozik, Kevin Neuharth, Beth Odahlen, Cari Olson, Leon Perzinski, Rebecca Porter, Josh Sandy, Marv Semrau, Derek Van Dyke, Doreen Wald, Kris Warmoth, Jonelle Watson, Laurie Weber and Deb Wentz

Absent: Lynda Bertsch, Conrad Davidson, Christine McIntosh, Neil Nordquist

Guests: Jessica Smestad

Approval of minutes: minutes of February 19, 2014 meeting were approved as written.

New Business

1. Senate Reports

Faculty Senate

Very pleased with the Gen Ed Centennial curriculum – there are over 300 opportunities to fulfill GE by the time a student graduates. The senate committees have been very busy and reports are coming in to the full senate. There are recommendations for changes to the bylaws as well as new course evaluation forms that will be tested this fall. An ad hoc committee will be studying the effectiveness of current senate committees. General elections will be held on April 23. Thanks for a great year.

Staff Senate

Currently conducting a silent auction in the Conference Center with all proceeds going to the food pantries. Elections will be held in May.

SGA

Will be looking at more sustainability efforts next year. SGA has chosen their professors of the year as well as their advisor of the year – these will be announced shortly. New officers have been elected.

2. CETL

Beth Odahlen and Jessica Smestad of the CETL department presented information to help better inform Cabinet members of what their grant allows and how they plan to carry on the activities of their department once the grant runs out.

The first objective of the grant was to increase levels of engagement among our students to the level of our peer institutions as measured by the NSSE results. To accomplish this we have required an engagement experience of all students prior to graduation. They may also participate in CETL internships. To encourage engagement of students an Engagement Honor Roll has been established.

The second objective is to increase first to second year retention. In order to meet this objective all students are required to participate in an engagement experience before graduating. We have developed

FYE courses and have peer mentors. As well, a faculty development program has been established to enhance the FYE. CETL is also working on development and expansion of peer tutoring and mentoring programs for all students.

Jessica shared outcomes of students who are involved with supplemental instruction and their percentage of success vs. non SI students.

Transitions is the second part of orientation and introduces students to a community engagement project. These opportunities have been very popular with students.

MSU realizes the importance of all the programs CETL offers to assist students and even with their grant expiring this fall, there will be institutional funds set aside to maintain the department's mission. Some programs may have to be modified due to less funding but CETL staff are determined to continue to serve the students and help assure their success.

3. Title IX Update

Wes Matthews has been named the Title IX coordinator for the institution. Bill Chew, Dick Jenkins, and Steve Swenson have been named as deputy coordinators. This group has developed a draft policy for Minot State that will be presented to the campus in the fall. At that time they will also solicit membership on this committee from the three senates.

4. Pathways Update

The admissions task force has been working to offer the SBHE one or more evidenced-based and data-driven recommendations for full or amended implementation (or the delay or reconsideration of the implementation) of those verified student predictors of college success (metrics), with accompanying algorithms and proposed weighting of specific indicators, that guarantee first-time freshmen access to specific types of NDUS's institutions.

With that in mind, UND and NDSU have proposed two possible options for admissions standards. MSU is not in favor of either option and will continue to develop a model that will be beneficial for us and our students. We would like to continue with our Passport program as well.

NDUS is hoping to have a decision made by early May. At that time, the option selected will go to the Chancellor's cabinet and then on to the board. Right now the board is somewhat divided on implementing all these changes because of the impact they may have on individual campuses.

5. Announcements/Acknowledgements

POWER Center – stop by if you can and see all the wonderful things happening in the centers

SGA – contributed over 1,400 service hours this year; have three members serving on the NDSA

International Programs – Carla Cabarle and VITA were very helpful in assisting Canadian students on their tax day

Registrar – no longer taking changes on the catalog – will be ready to access in about a week

Financial Aid – thanks to everyone who participated in the picture for Merri Jo – keep your support going for her

Native American – Powwow and honor dance will take place Friday and Saturday, April 24 & 25

Athletics – coach Hoffner resigned – will begin looking for replacement immediately; stadium bids came in too high, currently working on another option with contractors

Other – the Interim Higher Ed Funding committee will be on campus on the 22nd

6. Other

As this is Dr. Fuller's last cabinet meeting, Dr. Jenkins, on behalf of all cabinet members, thanked Dr. Fuller for all that he has done for Minot State during his tenure here.

Adjourned at 10:45am

Respectfully submitted, Deb Wentz