

University Cabinet Minutes
May 15, 2006
Westlie Room – 9:00 a.m.

Present: Caren Barnett, Linda Benson, Lynda Bertsch, Tricia Black, George Clark, Ron Dorn, Lisa Eriksmoen, David Fuller, Russ Gagnon, Rick Hedberg, Cathy Horvath, Yueh- Ting Lee, Teresa Loftesnes, Neil Nordquist, Sandy Nordstrom, Leon Perzinski, Gary Ross, Kim Thompson, Kris Warmoth, Stephanie Witwer and Deb Wentz.

Absent: Brad Botz, Linda Cresap, Brad Damm, Alexandra Deufel, Jared Edwards, Bryce Fifield, Sandy Foley, Dale Gehring, Ali Guitian, Wylie Hammond, Dick Jenkins, Wes Matthews, Gary Rabe, Jennifer Sick, and Jonelle Watson

Guest: Jerry Stai

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

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the April 19, 2006 meeting were approved as presented.

New Business

1. Cornerstone Report - Updates

See Attached Report.

2. Review of Commencement

Dr. Fuller is going to have a follow up meeting with the Commencement Committee in the next few weeks so any changes for next year can be implemented in a timely manner. General comments by cabinet members included:

- Would be nice to have a big screen
- A red curtain that drapes behind the stage would look nice
- This year there were all white males on stage – no women or minorities
- Would be nice to have Native American elders talk before performance of American Flag Song
- VP's don't march in procession nor are they on stage
- Refreshments need to be moved to main area
- Would be nice to have a student and alum speak as well

C. Horvath wanted to specifically commend the efforts of Larry Johnson, who takes personal time off of work at SRT to help us with our broadcast of graduation.

3. Department acknowledgements/calendar – the following people were recognized for their accomplishments: Kristen Schoen Bosey, Ann Headrick, Rick Watson, Chris Beachy, Ken Cabarle, Johnny Coomansingh, Molly Schmidt, Neil Roberts, Brenda Anderson, Neil Nordquist, Shirley Cole-Harding, Chad Heinzl, Steve Hayton, Cathy Horvath, Kris Warmoth, Heidi Super, Terry Eckmann, Paul Lepp, Warren Gamas, Frank Moseley, Guy Hanley, Selmer Moen, and Bethany Andreason.

Arts & Sciences Update – Linda Olson is the new Humanities Chair, Ryan Winburn is now the Science Chair, Lee Ellis will be the interim Social Science Chair during the summer, Laurie Geller will be the interim Chair for Math and Computer Science during the summer, and Wojciech Cebulak is the Acting Chair for Criminal Justice. A training and orientation session will be held for these people today.

INBRE News – a presentation was made to Valley City State University. Also, Biology is working on establishing a partnership with Turtle Mountain Community College on a project.

4. President's Report

Items of note since last Cabinet meeting included:

- Had very good community visits in Rugby, Towner, Kenmare, and Crosby
- We had good participation from faculty, staff, and students for the campus Earth Day Clean Up. Many also participated in the Chamber's annual clean up day event as well.
- Participated in the ND Higher Education Legislative Council meeting on the MSU campus May 10 and later that same day on the campus of MSU-Bottineau
- Participated in the MSU 2006 Commencement ceremony and welcomed U.S. Senator Kent Conrad as our keynote speaker
- Participated in MSU-Bottineau Commencement ceremony
- Planning and Budget Council has endorsed the new vision statement and priorities and work will continue over the summer to define goals
- A memo was sent to all faculty and staff explaining the salary plan for FY 2007
- Dr. Rabe has been appointed as the new Vice President for Academic Affairs

5. Current Issues:

Smoke-Free Campus – the recent editorial in the Minot Daily News was not fair. A follow-up meeting with the editor will take place. Ashtrays will be removed by June 1 and signs will also be displayed around campus. Further communications to faculty and staff will take place along with information regarding cessation support.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Deb Wentz.