

University Cabinet Minutes
July 19, 2006
Westlie Room – 9:00 a.m.

Present: Tania Balas, Lynda Bertsch, Brad Botz, Debra Chandler, George Clark, Merri Jo Connole, Linda Cresap, Brad Damm, Alexandra Deufel, Ron Dorn, Julie Drum, Lisa Eriksmoen, Bryce Fifield, Sandy Foley, David Fuller, Russ Gagnon, Wylie Hammond, Rick Hedberg, Cathy Horvath, Yueh- Ting Lee, JoAnn Linrud, Teresa Loftesnes, Wes Matthews, Leon Perzinski, Kim Thompson, Kris Warmoth, Jonelle Watson, and Deb Wentz.

Absent: Caren Barnett, Jared Edwards, Dale Gehring, Ali Guitian, Dick Jenkins, Neil Nordquist, Sandy Nordstrom, Gary Rabe, Tricia Weiser, and Stephanie Witwer .

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

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the May 15, 2006 meeting were approved as presented.

Welcome

Dr. Fuller welcomed JoAnn Linrud to her first Cabinet meeting.

New Business

1. **Review of Strategic Plan Draft–**

Dr. Fuller presented a draft of the Strategic Plan that he would like to present at Convocation in August. The plan details the following proposed strategies and initiatives:

1. Distinctive mission focused on engagement and place – create and promote a distinctive mission, vision and premier institutional character based on curricula and services known for high quality, engagement, and the integration of knowledge, theory and practice.
2. Engaged and enhanced learning – raise academic standards and expectations exceptionally high for quality teaching and engaged learning.
3. Quality faculty and staff – recruit, retain, and support well qualified faculty and staff dedicated and devoted to the institutional mission, to engaged learning, and student support and success.
4. Dynamic and empowering campus – create and sustain a dynamic and engaged campus atmosphere and design conducive to high quality learning and community support.
5. Diverse campus and atmosphere – develop and support a diverse and multicultural campus and environment.
6. Student success and future achievements – provide a strong and engaging academic and learning experience for students’ intellectual and personal growth, character development, and the abilities and skills required to succeed professionally in future careers or endeavors.

7. Civic Engagements – enhance and strengthen the campus mission to include civic engagement, experiential learning, and activities focused on collaboration, partnerships, community relations and involvement.
8. Service and the common good – complement the institution’s educational function through a concerted and deliberate effort to connect higher education learning for the good of others.
9. Institutional viability, vitality, and growth – work together to ensure the university’s future viability, quality, reputation, success, and competitiveness

All Cabinet members are asked to review the draft and provide feedback, corrections, changes, etc. before the end of July so that all suggestions can be incorporated into the draft for presentation in August.

2. Department acknowledgements/topics/updates/calendar – the following people were recognized for their accomplishments: Bill Harbort, Margaret Sherve, Neil Roberts, Chris Keller, NDCPD, Bryce Fifield, CEL, and Johnny Coomansingh.

An updated calendar of events was distributed. Items to note: Education Fair on July 31 in the Atrium, Convocation on August 16th, residence hall move in day and MSU at the Zoo on August 17th, new freshman and transfer student orientation on August 18 and 19, and first day of classes for fall begin on August 22nd.

3. Current issues/reports

Bottineau – had a very good centennial celebration.

Mentoring – D. Chandler informed the cabinet that mentor training will take place on August 8. Also, an on-line version of the orientation session for freshman and transfer students will be available.

College of Arts & Sciences – Summer Theatre has been very successful – only one more production left. Faculty and students made presentations in Washington DC in support of the INBRE grant which is in danger of being cut. Visits with tribal colleges continue.

A Masters in SPED will be offered in Sask. Canada thanks to the efforts of the Special Ed faculty, CEL and Grad School.

The library will have a coffee kiosk available this fall.

Dr. Fuller provided an update on recent SBHE and NDUS activities.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Deb Wentz.