

University Cabinet Minutes
October 18, 2006
Westlie Room – 9:00 a.m.

Present: Bethany Andreason, Caren Barnett, Tania Balas, Lynda Bertsch, Brad Botz, George Clark, Linda Cresap, Ron Dorn, Julie Drum, Jared Edwards, Sandy Foley, David Fuller, Russ Gagnon, Dale Gehring, Wylie Hammond, Kim Hill, Cathy Horvath, Dick Jenkins, Shane Larson, Yueh- Ting Lee, JoAnn Linrud, Teresa Loftesnes, Wes Matthews, Neil Nordquist, Sandy Nordstrom, Leon Perzinski, Gary Rabe, Kim Thompson, Kris Warmoth, Jonelle Watson, Tricia Weiser and Deb Wentz.

Absent: Brad Damm, Alexandra Deufel, Lisa Eriksmoen, Bryce Fifield, Ali Guitian, Rick Hedberg.

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

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the September 20, 2006 meeting were approved as presented.

New Business

1. **“Paint the Campus” – Bill Harbort**

Bill Harbort presented an interesting idea that would spread art/color across campus. He reported on a university in New Mexico that has various paintings around its campus including murals on and in various buildings, artwork on sidewalks, and various sculptures.

Murals throughout the campus would not only add color but can foster an identity for MSU. The artwork could also be part of a Centennial project. Bill and his colleagues have done some research on paint products that could endure the extreme temperatures and will look at possible funding sources. It was suggested that we start maybe with just a pilot study and then broaden as we go along.

Dr. Fuller advised the group that a landscape architect will be hired to design a plan for the campus and that this is something that should be incorporated into that design. Further information will be forthcoming once an architect has been hired.

2. **PeopleSoft Upgrade**

Dr. Fuller informed the group that Oracle will be upgrading to Fusion sometime in the next few years. A decision will need to be made whether NDUS will stay with Oracle or opt for another vendor. The changes will have most impact on the student administration side.

3. **First Year Freshman Requirement**

Dick Jenkins distributed the draft version of the Freshman Housing Policy as well as the marketing strategies for implementation in the fall of 2007. It is estimated that 80-100 additional students would be residing in the current halls, which we would be able to handle.

The cabinet suggested that some of the wording on the exemption form be changed to sound less punitive to parents. Student Affairs will work with Enrollment Services to present a positive strategy to prospective students and their parents.

4. President's Report

Items to note since the last cabinet meeting included:

- Homecoming week events were successful
- Welcomed Professor Li, from Sias International University to campus for this semester as part of our partnership agreement with Sias University
- Held meetings with local media representatives to enhance MSU communications
- Involved with many different events during Hostfest
- Are looking at possible partnerships with Scandinavian countries – city officials are looking at a possible trip to Norway in May 2007.
- An offer has been extended and accepted to a candidate for the International Director position who will begin at the end of December.
- The Student Association is looking at safety and security around campus. Various suggestions for needed improvements, particularly at night, are under consideration.

5. After Cabinet Discussions

Each month following the cabinet meetings, Dr. Fuller will be holding discussions open to all campus members to discuss and respond to questions about items on the monthly President's Report or any other topics of interest to the campus.

6. Review of Policy Changes

Changes to the Search Committee Guidelines as well as the Negative Leave Balance policy were discussed. If there are any questions or concerns please notify the VP of Finance/Administration.

7. Immigration Paperwork for International Faculty

Hiring faculty from another country involves a lot of time spent on processing the paperwork. This task generally falls to the Chair of the Search Committee. It was suggested that this process be centralized in one area rather than each Chairperson being responsible for assuring all paperwork is completed. Topic will be forwarded to Faculty Senate for recommendation.

8. Recognitions and Acknowledgements

The following people were recognized for their accomplishments during the past month: Linda Olson, Jon Olson, Walt Piehl, Bill Harbort, Dennis Simons, Lee Ellis, Ernst Pijing, Johnny Coomansingh, Dan Ringrose, Selmer Moen, Allen Kihm, Robin Wagner, and Jonelle Watson.

9. Department Updates/Calendar

MSU will host the NW International Festival of Music November 3 and 4
College of Business faculty have attended various conventions throughout the past few weeks

10. Current issues/reports

Marketing Committee – our RMU will be open at Dakota Square from November 20 through December 31 and will be selling MSU items.

Advancement – thanks to everyone who participated in homecoming activities, the Golden Awards, and the Gala.

Education & Health Sciences - NCATE – the team should arrive this weekend and will be here until Tuesday.

Arts/Sciences – Allen Kihm is the Chair of the newly formed task force to review standards and quality. MSU has 35 faculty members committed to attending the Humanities Summit to be held on the NDSU campus.

Enrollment Services – Preview Day for prospective students is this Friday from 10:00 – 4:30

Bottineau – work continues on the Entrepreneurial Center for Horticulture – a project that could stimulate the organic and specialty vegetable production industry in ND. Contacts have also been made with Senator Dorgan to see about the possibility of obtaining federal funding. If the project comes to fruition, MSU-Bottineau would work with MSU on collaboration opportunities.

Academic Affairs – several campus personnel attended a meeting in Bismarck regarding third week reporting and development of a more accurate report system-wide.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Deb Wentz.