

## University Cabinet Minutes

February 20, 2025

**Present:** Sara Abrahamson, Katy Allers, Nathan Anderson, Maggie Backen, Paul Brekke, Amanda Francis, Lori Garnes, Laurie Geller, Deb Haman, Lisa Haman, Rick Hedberg, Andy Heitkamp, Tiffany Heth, Krista Lambrecht, Maleeha Latif, Michael Linnell, Heather Martin, Janna McKechnie, Annette Mennem, Jacek Mrozik, Jolene Nechiporenko, Cari Olson, Darren Olson, Gary Orluck, Leon Perzinski, Rebecca Ringham, Michelle Sayler, Steve Shirley, Jessica Smestad, David Soares, Karina Stander, James Sturm, Jonelle Watson, Laurie Weber, and Deb Wentz

**Absent:** Karla Bredahl, Courtenay Brekhus, Lisa Dooley, Jeremy Feller, Kevin Harmon, Cole Krueger, Carmen Simone, Mark Singer, and Hayden Tinker

**Guest:** Celeste Simmons

**Approval of minutes:** December 18, 2024 meeting minutes approved as presented.

### **New Business**

#### **1. Senate Reports**

##### **SGA**

- No Report

##### **Faculty Senate**

- Have forwarded the Gen Ed revisions to administration and will be included in the 2025-2026 undergrad catalog, will still need more fine tuning
- Established a post tenure review proposal with a vote in February so we can meet the NDUS deadline in March

##### **Staff Senate**

- Death by Chocolate event was well attended – held a Chain of Hearts fundraiser in conjunction with this event and raised \$72 for deposit into the general fund
- Silent Auction is scheduled for April 14-17
- D. Olson is our most recent High 5 recipient
- Staff satisfaction survey went out – encourage staff to participate

#### **2. President's Report**

- The higher education bill going through the legislature is SB2003 if you want to track its progress; all committee sessions are live on the legislative site
- Crossover is coming up soon
- Have presented for the \$8M that was designated in last session to provide updates to academic areas that are in high demand – Sciences/Labs, Nursing, Hoffman auditorium, Model Hall
- DCB and MSU have a joint request to purchase a vacated Trinity Health building to house a Regional Health Sciences Institute where both institutions could share simulators and other equipment; DCB could also expand their health offerings in Minot
- We are requesting additional funding to raze Dakota Hall; the extra funding will address the issue with the tunnels underneath that building

- There is a revised tenure/post tenure bill that is more aligned with what the SBHE proposed
- Optimistic that there will be an increase in the Challenge Grant pool; research funding may see an increase as well
- Thanks to T. Olson and L. Garnes for their presentation in support of AStep funding
- Enrollment numbers are positive for spring

### **3. Acknowledgements/Announcements:**

Advancement - new chairs are now in the Westlie Room thanks to the Westlie family; new paint and countertop are next; we have used all of our allotted funding from the Challenge Grant pool; recently returned from FL where we had several donor visits -- will travel to AZ next week for the same purpose as well as hosting a couple of socials and taking in a baseball game (Angles vs. White Sox); we have completed the Capital Campaign and will celebrate at the Gala; Golden Award nominations are due by March 31; had a successful re-opening of the Greenhouse and will be hosting an Open House in March for the renovated Severson Center; planning has begun on summer events

Library – will have extended hours on Saturday for the “Meet MSU” event

Facilities – D. Soares was introduced as the new Facilities Management Director; reminded everyone that nothing will get done without a work order; renovation on Campus Heights with new windows and siding

NDCPD – hosting the Community Advisory Committee next week; waiting to hear what funding will be available through the Federal Government

Honors – send in nominations for honors awards; working to establish a 4-year renewable scholarship; MSU hosting the Women’s Conference on March 22

Looyenga – last days to nominate students for the leadership awards

UComm – Connections in final proof; will feature a nursing student in the Onward Beavers story

Athletics – finishing up the nutrition center in the Dome as well as some renovations; Spring Party is on April 2 at the Sleep Inn; Hall of Fame nominations need to be in by end of the month; working with coaches to provide suicide prevention training; Dome will be very busy in the coming weeks with regional and state basketball tournaments; all athletic teams have identified a project for Giving Day – please support if you can; soccer position has been offered – hopefully find out today if offer is accepted

Power – hired a replacement for the vacant administrative coordinator position; will be taking 10 students to New Orleans over spring break on a discovery trip; collaborating with Student Health and Athletics to bring Dr. Shaun Tyrance to campus for two workshops on wellness and keys to high performance, March 24; will host a workshop in April on growing micro greens

Student Health – serenity room is open and can be used by anyone; have a meeting today regarding reclining chairs; contracted with a counseling company to provide 24/7 counseling services

MRC – attending a peer mission mental health group and AI workshop; helping students with DAV scholarships; federal comprehensive review coming soon

Bookstore – students may purchase regalia tomorrow at the Grad Expo; currently have a clearance sale going on in the store; will be closed March 7 for inventory

Enrollment – Meet Minot State event on Saturday with registration; five other registration events have been scheduled starting in April; school fair season is starting next week so more traveling

ASC – Career Services is hosting a Professional Head Shot photo shoot next week; education fair will be on March 4 and career fair on March 5

International – the Scotland trip has been cancelled due low interest; hosting an International Student Panel on February 27 to learn why students come here as well as more about their home country; have an increased interest in study abroad opportunities; International students will have an event at Tilt in the mall

Security – gearing up for all the tournaments coming up

IT – please complete work orders if you need some help

NA – hosted the ND NA State Science and Engineering Fair; have 157 NA students in the spring cohort; Powwow is April 25-26; met with MAFB last week to discuss positive relations with MHA nation as there are so many air force missiles on their land; working with the Hot Tots for NA Heritage night

RLife – in the process of hiring student staff for next year

Assessment – assessment day activities were held on Tuesday; favorable feedback from attendees; YPA continue to be submitted; wasn't sure about completing for YPA for certificate programs but HLC says they are required

VPAF – SPBC continues to meet and will have recommendations to president's staff soon; at this time there has been no talk of a tuition freeze for the coming year; RFP – Sodexo only response – they will make some changes to dining options, hours, and summer availability

VPAA - -several new programs approved at NDUS Academic Affairs meeting this week; Science is doing a lot of grant writing; School Psychology just filled a position that has been open for years; Nursing accreditation team here next week

DCB – received formal notice that the Dental Hygiene program has been accredited and will start this fall, working with workforce development in the Minot community to possibly address needs

VP-EMO – enrollment management process is moving forward; new Blackboard update coming out

Business Office – D. Dannewitz will assume the duties of the purchasing officer

Fin Aid – keep the student employment page up to date please – students have complained that some of the jobs listed are no longer available; reviewing scholarship renewal information now that the deadline has passed; will be hosting the statewide financial aid conference in April

IR – busy with surveys and data requests; working on adding DCB information online and keeping it updated

HR – annual evaluations due in March; vetting a new international attorney; still working with NDSU on streamlining payroll

Registrar – Grad Expo will run from 10:00 – 2:00 tomorrow in the conference center; various departments will be available to help graduates with questions

#### **4. Student Behavior**

- Discussion was held on how to handle students who may be disruptive to other departments across campus and whose behavior wouldn't fall under the purview of the Behavior Intervention Team. Example was student bringing small child to campus and the child is disruptive in departments across campus
- Suggested that there be a core group formed to discuss various options – it was suggested that they look into a software program that can be used for tracking student complaints

Adjourned at 10:30

Respectfully submitted, Deb Wentz