

University Cabinet Minutes

June 19, 2025

Present: Sara Abrahamson, Katy Allers, Nathan Anderson, Paul Brekke, Lisa Dooley, Amanda Francis, Lori Garnes, Laurie Geller, Lisa Haman, Kevin Harmon, Rick Hedberg, Andy Heitkamp, Cole Krueger, Krista Lambrecht, Michael Linnell, Janna McKechnie, Annette Mennem, Jacek Mrozik, Cari Olson, Darren Olson, Gary Orluck, Leon Perzinski, Rebecca Ringham, Michelle Sayler, Steve Shirley, Celeste Simmons, David Soares, Karina Stander, Hayden Tinker, Jonelle Watson, and Deb Wentz

Absent: Maggie Backen, Courtenay Brekhus, Jeremy Feller, Deb Haman, Tiffany Heth, Maleeha Latif, Heather Martin, Jolene Nechiporenko, Jessica Smestad, James Sturm, and Laurie Weber

Guest: Lindsey Benson

Approval of minutes: April 16 2025 meeting minutes approved as presented.

New Business

1. Senate Reports

SGA

- No Report

Faculty Senate

- No Report

Staff Senate

- Updating bylaws
- Began work on Fall Kickoff

2. President's Report

- We are tentatively looking at a July 1 budget forum; President Staff has been meeting regarding the budget recommendations and where we are; will need to make a lot of decisions
- We have limited options for revenue, and some are under our control and some are not; looking for good enrollment figures this fall
- Indirect revenue from grants is unsure at this time
- The ND legislature did allow for a tuition increase in the next biennium after a freeze for the past couple of years; we will raise tuition 6% this year and 4% the following year
- There had to be decisions made on personnel and those affected have been contacted
- Legislature actions:
 - We did receive \$8M for updates to academic spaces; focus mostly on our lab programs (nursing, cyber security, sciences) with renovations in Model, Moore, and Swain
 - Did receive additional funding to complete the demolition of Dakota Hall
 - Received money for the establishment of a Health Sciences Institute in the Trinity Health Center West building; will collaborate with DCB on programs and efficient use of resources

- Dean Simone at DCB will become the interim President at LRSC on July 1; at the last SBHE meeting they decided to offer her that position as Dr. Darling is retiring at the end of June; have named Corey Gorder as the Acting Dean at DCB and will begin the search process for a new Dean

3. Acknowledgements/Announcements:

Student Affairs/ICA – received approval from Legislature to proceed with the renovation of the second floor of the student center and will be meeting with architects to get this moving; working on several policy updates – measles protocol and a hazing policy; R. Herbst was hired to replace M. Murken for MBB; L. Johnson has accepted employment elsewhere so will be looking to replace him; E. Mihalick is FT coordinator of athletics so we will be looking for a golf coach; everyone is encouraged to join the book study group – next session is on June 25

Advancement – legislature approved \$2M in Challenge Grant funds for MSU; C. Brekhus is on leave but had scheduled a full summer of activities; A. Eads will be leaving sometime in July so we will be looking to fill that position

VPAF – meet with Ackerman again regarding Dakota Hall

Facilities – paving projects taking place around campus; work in residence halls continues so they are ready to move in this fall; touch up painting around campus; defensive driving course on August 5; working on gopher problem around campus

Athletics – planning for upcoming year

UComm – President's report will be out in August; working on a summer theater video; V. Corey has resigned – have patience with the office

Marketing – encourage everyone to participate in the State Fair parade

ASC – working on a number of summer projects; advisors have been very busy this summer; waiting to hear about TRiO funding; with the uncertainty, we have gone from an office of six to now three staff

Student Center – planning for fall; have a new ID system and it is working great

IT – doing regular summer switch outs; working on fax machines and phones in elevators; everyone will have access to Adobe on July 18; e-waste ends on July 31; everyone has to upgrade to Windows 11 by October 1

MRC – attended training in Bismarck for NABITA; attended a VFW presentation for new scholarship; Flag Day challenge completed; violence prevention training

Security – have increased presence in the Summer Theater area to prevent car break ins; installed new cameras by Cook Hall

Res. Life – touch up and refresh of residence halls is taking place; K. Stander and D. Haman will be attending a Maxient Conference; new housing software system throughout the NDUS if working well

IR – updating web sites for MSU and DCB

Business Office – going through an operational audit; processing year end work

Fin Aid – disbursements for summer are almost complete; working on awards for freshman/transfers/returning students; will be updating various required reports during the summer so please be responsive to any requests for updated information for this Consumer Audit

NDCPD – received next year's core grant funding

Assessment – have had several co-curricular meetings and now working on reporting and planning; conducted four focus groups during spring assessment day and will analyze results over the summer; worked on Design Study on AI Policies with NDUS; NDUS had an umbrella program for SPOL for all institutions but they no longer provide this – each institution will need decide if they want to continue with the SPOL program

Title IX – working on the federally required Hazing Policy

NA – Saturday the Minot Hot Tots will host a NA Night; working on fall events; TMCC has a new president, Wanda Parisien

VPAA – Workforce Education Innovation fund requests are due next Friday; working with a core group on engineering proposal for nursing and school psychology; HLC will conduct a multi-site visit - MAFB and NDSU; math conference on campus June 24; Notstock planning has begun

Registrar – finalizing end of semester work; will host Diploma Days next week; July 29 will hold annual Registrar's retreat

Wellness – fall programming; received a new massage chair for campus use

M/E/O – V. McDonald will be done on July 31; S. Wendell will start maternity leave soon – will be working on how to cover these areas

Adjourned at 10:10

Respectfully submitted, Deb Wentz