

Unapproved
University Cabinet Minutes
October 22, 2025

Present: Sara Abrahamson, Katy Allers, Nathan Anderson, Courtenay Brekhus, Paul Brekke, Amanda Francis, Laurie Geller, Ella Gilkerson, Deb Haman, Lisa Haman, Rick Hedberg, Andy Heitkamp, Tiffany Heth, Cole Krueger, Krista Lambrecht, Hilory Liccini, Michael Linnell, Heather Martin, Janna McKechnie, Annette Mennem, Jacek Mrozik, Jolene Nechiporenko, Darren Olson, Gary Orluck, David Paterno, Leon Perzinski, Rebecca Ringham, Michelle Sayler, Steve Shirley, Celeste Simmons, David Soares, Jonelle Watson, Laurie Weber and Deb Wentz

Absent: Maggie Backen, Lisa Dooley, Jeremy Feller, Kevin Harmon, Maleeha Latif, Cari Olson, Michelle Sayler, Karina Stander, and James Sturm

Approval of minutes: August 27, 2025, meeting minutes approved as presented.

New Business

1. Senate Reports

SGA

- Students are not in favor of the proposed renovation to the Student Center second floor plans
- Comments include looks too corporate, lack of tables/pool tables, MSU Life space is cut in half
- SGA is proud to have full delegations attending NDSGA meetings
- NDSGA has passed a resolution to not allow reduced credit degrees; concern is that it will cheapen their degree and possibly not look good to future employers; very negative feedback on this issue
- Discussions were also held regarding AI
- Come and see SGA president in this weekend's theater production of MacBeth

Faculty Senate

- Will be holding a special election to approve bylaw changes to align with the post-tenure review
- Gen Ed assessment model is up and working
- Will be holding more meetings with other stakeholders regarding Gen Ed assessment

Staff Senate

- The suggestion box on the Staff Senate website has been updated to show suggestions received and the outcome of suggestions received so people can see that anything they submit is being addressed
- There will be a professional development event on November 17 in the Westlie room; the Village is hosting a virtual workshop on motivating employees
- Reviewing staff handbook to make sure it meets ADA accessibility
- Will host a pumpkin carving/decorating contest with the bookstore; drop off your entry on October 28 in the bookstore; judging will run October 28 - 30

2. President's Report

- SBHE has discussed the reduced credit degree but has not come to any consensus
- Dual credit is also under review
- SBHE will be looking for a new member to replace Levi Bachmeier who was named as director of DPI

- SBHE continues to focus on workforce needs

3. Acknowledgements/Announcements:

International programs – submit your photos for the Global Sights Photo Contest; deadline is November 13

VPAF – all campus financial officers are on campus today meeting about the funding formula; budget process will be starting soon; workbooks will be sent, and budgets will be based on hold even numbers

Advancement – recognized Dr. Geller's birthday today; Severson Entrepreneurship Academy will be hosting Hunter Pinke on November 13th in the Conference Center – topic will be "No Bad Days"

Alumni – very busy fall with many events taking place; participants on the Danube River cruise are all back now; we had over 150 participants at the Berry Acres Pumpkin Patch event; planning for alumni events for Florida in February and Arizona in March; Gala is set for May 1; will start a new campaign for faculty and staff giving

Facilities – new mail room person has been hired

Library – good to see all the study groups using the whiteboards; will host an undergraduate forum on November 14; looking into another book talk; good number of Minot community members are purchasing library cards and using the library services; on Halloween will have a candy give-away

TRiO – the government shutdown is affecting the program; very little communication coming out regarding cuts; NDSGA contacted all TRiO directors and has passed a resolution on the value of retaining TRiO programs; MSU has tremendous support; will be revising the mission of the program to align more with the administration's view of the program

ASC – traffic is high as it is advising season; etiquette lunch will be on October 30; a networking event is set for December 2 working with community.

Athletics – ticket system is up and running; FB on Saturday will honor first responders; nutrition center will be opening soon; restrooms are being renovated; J. Aus has filled the Revenue and Ticket sales position so we will be looking for a new track coach

Marketing – T. Pierson will be starting her leave so be patient with web updates; working on AI compliance on web sites; Chamber Showcase of Business is on November 13

NDCPD – been very quiet with the government shutdown; still working on projects that we received funding for; hired T. Williams as the new accountant

Financial Aid – have seen some delays due to the shutdown; attended training in early October – the federal trainer could not attend due to the shutdown; high school counselor workshop on November 5

MRC – Vets have not been affected by the government shutdown except for dependents; had a good Vets Stand Down event in Minot; will have training on suicide prevention

IT – faculty and staff can now download Adobe Acrobat Professional; on November 6 at 10:00 join CTS for a conversation in the Westlie room

Student Health – 178 students have signed up for Timely Care; 56% of usage is after hours and on the weekends; 96 students went bowling through the Residence Life event; ordered 190 flu vaccines and have gone through all of them

Assessment – HLC sent notice that there will be a comprehensive review during 2027-2028/fall or spring; our two new programs (engineering/MS substance abuse) will require screening through HLC; they want a full list of courses and once that is submitted it could take up to three months for approval – we can still advertise but must use “pending HLC approval”; faculty will be receiving an AI survey

NA – club has been very active; President Shirley and NA will be visiting TMCC on November 13 to meet their new president; Circles Alliance is meeting on campus this week; NA Month will kick off on November 5; book talk on November 7 with Hunter Andes, author of “The Elders”

E/M/O – due to government shutdown, we do have some students on Base who have not received financial aid – we will not drop them due to non-payment

Registrar – midterm grading – missing from some faculty; Rise & Grind event to enroll students next week

Wellness – fair is on November 18; lot of activities taking place

Student Center – all vacant senate seats are filled; MSU Life is hosting a Haunted Beaver Basement event this coming weekend

HR – open enrollment is taking place; childcare relief notices to parents; use up excess annual leave before year end

VPAA – digital access needs to be ADA compliant; D. Tiedman is leading this initiative; working on progress reports for strategic plan

Adjourned at 10:27

Respectfully submitted, Deb Wentz