

Unapproved
University Cabinet Minutes
January 21, 2026

Present: Courtenay Brekhus, Rick Hedberg, Michael Linnell, Annette Mennem, Jacek Morzik, Darren Olson, Leon Perzinski, Rebecca Ringham, Steve Shirley, Laurie Weber, Amanda Francis, Celeste Simmons, David Paterno, Hilory Liccini, Aundrey Livingston, David Soares, Sara Abrahamson, Maggie Backen, Deb Haman, Andy Heitkamp, Tiffany Heth, Cole Krueger, Maleeha Latif, Heather Martin, Michelle Saylor, Jonelle Watson, Katy Allers, Krista Lambrecht

Absent: Lisa Dooley, Laurie Geller, Kevin Harmon, Cari Olson, James Sturm, Alaric Williams, Jolene Nechiporenko, Jeremy Feller, Lisa Haman, Janna Mckechnie, Nathan Anderson, Paul Brekke, Ella Gilkerson

Approval of minutes: October 22, 2025 meeting minutes approved as presented.

New Business

1. Senate Reports

SGA

- Next SGA meeting to be held January 22, 2026.
- Student Activity Fees need approval
- SGA will be filling a new seat

Faculty Senate

- Faculty to update the CV each semester
- Discussed a more robust post tenure review process every 5 years due to State Legislation

Staff Senate

- Silent Auction will be held April 14-16
- Pennies for Pantry: all proceeds will go the on-campus food pantry

2. President's Report

- Condolences to Dr. Dannah Schafer's Family, long-time Science Education Faculty member
- J. Morzik is moving to Chair of the Department of Business
- Dr. D. Ngugi fulltime economics faculty
- Interim Assistant VPAA – Dr. Daniel Ringrose
- M. Saylor reports to President Shirley
- C. Krueger reports to R. Hedberg
- D. Tiedman reports to L. Geller
- A. William last day January 23
- Budget Changes are still in progress
- SBHE continues to focus on workforce needs
- SBHE reviewing Funding formula
- State Board meeting in Williston, January 29
- NDSU, Bismarck State, and Valley City are in search of a President
- DCB Campus Dean in the interview process, should have a new Dean in February

- System Alignment/Governance bill passed last legislative session

3. Acknowledgements/Announcements:

Advancement – received 8 million dollars in funding, upgrades will take place to Department of Business and nursing classrooms; received 2 million dollars through The Challenge grant, about \$600,000 left; Giving Day, April 8

Alumni –busy spring with many events taking place; Basketball Appreciation night, 1/23; Florida Alumni and Friends, February 12; Alumni Scholarships applications are due February 15; February 24 Alumni and Friends Bingo at Spicy Pie; Alumni and Friend Event in Arizona, March 5-7; Golden Awards Nominations are coming up; Gala to be set for May 1, theme – “Be Out Guest”

Facilities – Beaver Dam closed to start January 29, construction starts February 2; Dakota Hall walk around January 29, fence will go up February 2; Dome 1st floor and men’s 3rd floor bathroom are upgraded, 2nd floor bathrooms will go offline after weekend of January 31 and February 1st to be upgraded

TRiO – Discussed future of TRiO due to not receiving federal funding from DOE

ASC – Review public information

Enrollment – Preview Day February 3, 11 students and 25 guest; Registration dates are coming up; Hiring process in the works for an Admissions Specialist

UComm- Connections mailing date in March

Marketing – T. Pierson has returned to work; Scholarship deadlines, February 15

Business Office – W2 available online in self-service; Travel and expenses module needs updating; Catching up on bank reconciliation; DCB – reorganization by adding a new position at MSU to help offset new receptionist

NDCPD – Working on proposals on funding; Community partnership with Independence Inc.; Hosting an upcoming consumer advisor committee; A former ASTEP student was hired; Looking at other possible funding avenues

MRC – Fargo DAV Commander will be on campus; Working on a Vet Center with Student Health; MAFB to present Cyber Security department; Veterans office participated in Marketplace for Kids

Student Health – 1st District Health providing vaccinations, February 24; Hired a new Nurse Practitioner; Additions to the Serenity Suite, wall mounted fireplace, vibration plate, and grounding mat; 236 students have signed up for Timely Care; Education on BIT was updated and sent out; Webpage was updated; 210 flu vaccinations orders for Fall 2026

NA – North Dakota Native American State Science and Engineering fair will be held in the Dome February 18

Security – A. Livingston new role – Director of Safety and Security; S. Guenthner new role – Operations of Safety and Security; Clery Act program 2026 training is coming up

E/M/O – J. Mrozik new office in Old Main; Continuing to supervise Dual Credit and MAFB

Bookstore – Looking to hire an Office Manager

Registrar – Office moving to 2nd floor of Administration building; Grad Expo held February 25 in Hartnett Hall Collaborative Space

Housing- Looking to hire students for fall 2026 term; Implementation of new software is live in June; Up 2 students in housing for Spring 2026 term

Student Center – SGA meets January 22 to discuss Student Activity fees; Student Center offices will be moving to the Fisher Room

DCB- Starting February, dental Hygiene students can take patients from the community; Looking to hire a Medical Lab Technician

HR – System changes; Cooper reporting approval; Change in background check company, S2 verification

VPAF – Bond sale set for mid-February; Contracts and bids for projects needs boards approval after bond sale

Financial Aid – Preparing for Spring disbursement, January 28; February 1, deadline for scholarships; 26/27 FFSA is open; Gift Aid requires 12 completed credits from MSU campus to be eligible

Adjourned at 10:07

Respectfully submitted, Sydney Yale