

Approved
University Cabinet Minutes
March 25, 2026

Present: Ella Gilkerson, David Paterno, Celeste Simmons, Steven Shirley, Kevin Harmon, Rick Hedberg, David Soares, Michelle Sayler, Cole Krueger, Jonelle Watson, Sara Abrahamson, Janna Mckechnie, Amanda Francis, Hilory Liccini, Darren Olson, Deb Haman, Katy Allers, Andy Heitkamp, Mike Linnell, Karina Stander, Courtenay Brekhus, Aundrey Livingstong, Melissa Cantone, Heather Martin, Annettee Mennem, Lisa Dooley, Tiffany Heth, Laurie Weber, Maggie Backen, Laurie Geller

Absent: Jacek Mrozik, Leon Perzinski, James Sturm, Jeremy Feller, Maleeha Latif, Paul Brekke, Cari Olson, Nathan Anderson, Jolene Nichiporenko, Lisa Haman, Krista Lambrecht, Rebecca Ringham

Approval of minutes: February 25, 2026, meeting minutes approved as presented.

New Business

1. Senate Reports

SGA

- Election Season underway
- Met with NDSA (S. Kemple) on March 2
- Resolution pass on reduced credit degree programs

Faculty Senate

- Heading into election season
- Bylaws need clarification
- Encourage faculty to run

Staff Senate

- Staff Senate Silent Auction will be April 14-16 with the live auction taking place April 15
- Staff Senate survey was sent out to 301 employees; 61 responses received
- Staff Senate now have a dedicated section in Public Information for Staff Senate

2. President's Report

- A. Mennem final University Cabinet meeting; last day will be March 31; will continue to assist the powwow
- Higher Ed. Funding Formula Committee meeting today; K. Lambrecht is the representative
- Working on creating a simplified funding model
- LAFRC met yesterday
- April 8: DCB is hosting the Interim Higher Education Committee
- April 9: MSU is hosting the Interim Higher Education Committee
- President's Staff met on March 27 regarding budget progress, additional work needed
- Student Center remodel is in progress

- Academic spaces updates planned: Library lower level, Model Hall (Hoffman Auditorium) and select Nursing Department spaces
- March 30: NDSU selecting a new President
- March 31: BSC selecting a new President

Acknowledgements/Announcements:

Student Affairs/ICA – Student Center project on track for August 15 completion; Recognition to Athletics for hosting state basketball tournaments; K. Berry named the new women’s wrestling coach; search is underway for a head men’s wrestling coach (8 interviews scheduled); Culture book study scheduled for April 8

Advancement – Arizona Alumni & Friends event had record attendance; Giving Day: April 8 (lunch in the quad, sponsored by Subway); Giving Day website is live with 52 projects; 50% match on gifts up to \$1,000; Encouragement to promote Giving Day; Summer events upcoming

Facilities – Library lower-level renovation underway; Beaver Dam sewer line relocation in process; Nursing department remodels planned; Laura Manor bathroom upgrades scheduled; Hoffman Auditorium offline Spring 2027; Memorial Hall Auditorium to be updated; New café dishwasher in progress

Enrollment – Preparing for Hometown Pride Registration Day (April 8; ~300 prospective students); High school visits underway in North Dakota and Canada; website meets accessibility standards

Marketing – Recognition for Rise & Grind event; Appreciation to Teidman family: D. Teidman hosted and in-person digital accessibility training, K. Teidman and Nursing Department hosted speaker John Thompson

HR – Annual reports in progress; Welcomed new employee C. Newmann (MSU graduate); Continuing accessibility training efforts

Athletics – Baseball hosting University of Mary at Corbett today; State Basketball tournaments successful; Preparing for summer youth campus (\$10 discount for MSU employees)

NDCPD – Budget submitted; ASTEP 15-year anniversary; Received Oberkotter grant (effective April 1); E. Romanick to serve as keynote speaker at Idaho conference

IT – Reminder: maintain cyber hygiene and secure passwords

Security– Advancing Clery Act program implementation; Reminder: “see something, say something”: received positive feedback on hosted basketball tournaments

MRC- Reestablished a Vet Center on campus (4th Tuesdays monthly); Chronic pain clinic support group available; website accessibility updates in progress; Upcoming: Welcome Back Vietnam Veterans Day; Training opportunities: firearm safety, substance abuse, veteran suicide prevention

Student Health – Timely care has 263 students enrolled

TRiO – Mayor attended the TRiO celebration, coverage in Minot Daily News

UComm – Reminder: ensure PDF accessibility; Support Giving Day projects

Residence Life – New software launching in July; Applications up 10 from last year; Working with returning students; Easter egg hunt taking place in the resident halls

Alumni – Golden Awards nominations are due next week; MSU Gala: May 1 at the Dome; J. Sturm class is assisting with the gala silent auction; Student artwork will be featured at the gala

Registrar - Registration is in the process

NAC - Powwow events: April 23rd Teepee raising, April 24th education program will take place (7 schools invited), April 25 Grand Honoring; New addition: hand game tournament; Engineering and Science Fair hosted 9 schools and 254 projects; Science department to oversee moving forward

Title IX – Approved from the CJ club to host a self-defense class scheduled April 30

Bookstore – April 20 deadline for regalia orders; textbook and course materials are due

Financial Aid – HighPoint Course Auditor software was purchased by NDUS to ensure compliance with Title IV regulations, the system verifies that federal financial aid is awarded only for courses required for completion of students' degrees, implementation will require: up-to-date student degree plans, accurate recoding of course substitutions, and advising aligned with degree requirements; Financial Aid, Student Records, and Advisors will all play a role in successful deployment in software. Planning underway for the regional Financial Aid Conference in Fargo, October 11--14

DCB – C. Gorder named new DCB Campus Dean; Dental Clinic is accepting patients

VPAA – 12 faculty members promoted; 10 faculty under tenure review; 4 attendees are returning from HCL conference; Registration has begun

Adjourned at 10:02

Respectfully submitted, Sydney Yale