

Approved
University Cabinet Minutes
April 22, 2026

Present: Leon Perzinski, 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, Annette 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

- K. Piermetier – New SGA President
- Hosting Campus Clean up today
- MSULife Hosting a Bob Ross Painting
- May 6th Finals Late Night Breakfast

Staff Senate

- Staff Excellence award 21 recipients across NDUS – 3 nominations from MSU
- Raised \$1200 in Staff Senate Auction – proceeds go to Minot Pink Ladies
- Staff Senate Bylaws are updates
- Upcoming Special Event: Archery competition
- High Five Award will be received this week

2. President's Report

- Meeting with President's Staff this week: we are close to where we need to be with the budget for FY 27
- A budget forum will be held in early May
- Thanks to everyone who attended the Legislative Committee Meeting
- Record breaking Giving Day: \$461,000 raised
- The Board of Regents will meet on May 1
 - Governor Kelly Armstrong will be the guest speaker
- Board of Regents Award recipients will be recognized at the meeting
 - 3 Faculty recipients
 - 3 Staff recipients
- Renovation projects continue across campus
- Received \$3.1 million to support upgrades to academic facilities and programs including:

- Hoffman Auditorium
- Engineering Space – Lower Level of the Library
- Nursing Classrooms
- Equipment for Exercises Science & Rehabilitation Programs
- Model Hall
- Articulation Agreement with WSC was finalized
- Alumni Commencement Speaker: Jeff Sather, Trinity Chief Medical Officer.

Acknowledgements/Announcements:

DCB – continued shared services with DCB and MSU within the business office; revising the reporting structure to help reduce costs and budget efficiency; Working with Krista and Jonelle to address and resolve issues identified in a challenging audit; The DCB Foundation Director position remains open

Student Affairs/ICA - Pow Wow scheduled for this weekend; Student Center project on track for August 15 completion; G. Jones named the new men's wrestling coach; K. Berry named the new women's wrestling coach; Home Baseball game today

VPAF – continued work related to the funding formula in preparation for June meeting

Facilities – Dakota Hall demolition is progressing well; Student Center project remains on schedule; Nursing classroom updates have been released for bid; Preparations for the Memorial Auditorium project are underway; Lura Hall bathroom upgrades are in progress; The Engineering program space walkthrough has been completed; 11th Ave will be closed for repairs in June

Library – Moving in progress; Good turn out for the Research Poster Session; Registration Day tomorrow; Two book displays are currently showcased: Books Your Parents Read and National Poetry Month

HR – C. Reid's last day May 22; Working on Policy updates

Financial Aid – HighPoint Course Auditor software was purchased by NDUS to ensure compliance with Title IV regulations; GLBA law requires financial institutions transactions use good sense to protect privacy of costumers - training is available on Blackboard and must be completed by all applicable employees

UComm – Send PDF with accessibility

NDCPD –Governor Armstrong is scheduled to visit on May 1 to sign IPSY proclamation; K. Murphy was awarded Home Visitor of the Year; Hosting Consumer Advisory on Friday

Athletics – Ribbon Cutting for the Nutrition Center will follow the Board of Regents meeting May 1

Wellness Center – Spring Activities are posted; Finishing up the Intramural Sports seasons; Planning underway for the summer for truck schedule

Student Health – No nurse practitioner available over summer; 260 students are using TimelyCare services; Grounding mat and vibration plate have been set up

Security – Fingerprinting is in process for nursing students for licensure purposes; I will be attending a 2 day Title IV compliance investigation course

Bookstore – Regalia deadline has passed; Summer books have been ordered; Fall information due May 1

IT – E-waste due August

Nathan – HLC approved B.S. and MSN in counseling; Preparation is underway for a comprehensive review

ASC & TRiO – Advisory meetings taking place; Registration Day April 23

Enrollment – Thank you to who help with Registration Day: 140 students enrolled; Expecting 60 students April 23; Upcoming visits to Minot Hight and Minot North

Business Office – Upcoming P-card training and Internal Control trainings

Alumni – Faculty and Staff received an MSU mug if they gave on Giving Day; Gala May 1 at the Dome; Senior Send Off May 14

Registrar – Commencement May 15; 50 more students walked than 2024-2025; Kale Smith will be the Graduate Student Speaker

Adjourned at 9:58

Respectfully submitted, Sydney Yale