

Unapproved
Planning and Budgeting Council
February 18, 2009
Minutes

Members Present: Kristi Berg, Mikhail Bobylev, Rita Curl-Langager, Conrad Davidson, David Fuller, Lisa Johnson, Roger Kluck, Cheryl Nilsen, Matt Schaefer, Ken Story and Deb Wentz

Members Absent: Brent Askvig, Andrew Figueira, Donna Harvey, Ken Johnson, Teresa Loftesnes

1. Minutes of the December 10, 2008 meeting were approved as presented
2. Review of Campus Open Forum

Those attending the February 12 open forums were asked to list three improvements that the university should pursue to help serve students well and to help us reach our goal as defined by Vision 2013. Comments were organized in the following categories: academic programs/Gen Ed, ACT scores, administrative structure, athletics, campus infrastructure, faculty, first year programs, online classes, recruitment, retention, salaries, staff, student support services, tuition, and miscellaneous.

Council members held a good discussion on the comments in each of the categories. Observations included:

- Volume of the comments leads one to believe that there is good engagement on campus of faculty and staff.
- We will need to determine how we want to move forward on some of the more challenging suggestions
- Changing ACT requirements will need to be analyzed very carefully
- Everyone agrees that a first year seminar is needed to increase retention and graduation percentages however, there will need to be a very thorough and concentrated effort in developing the plan. Will need to focus on details of the program.

3. Premier University Comparisons

Council members each received the results of the peer comparisons. Notice has been sent to the campus encouraging their review of the performance indicators and to participate in the meetings that will be held in their area to offer feedback.

Deans and directors have been asked to collect all the data that comes out of these meetings and provide the president's office with a report that represents the general sense of the recommended objectives from each of their areas.

A revised spreadsheet and summary of the feedback will then go to the senates for their review and recommendations. Once that process has been completed it will be presented finally to the University Cabinet who will then forward a final draft to this council.

The reports from the deans is due on March 17th and we are hoping to have all the data compiled and ready for presentation to this council at the next meeting on April 1.

4. Priority Funding Plans

All members should have received the spreadsheet detailing the priority funding plans that was distributed at the open forums on the 12th. This is the finalized version of those plans that this council designated as priority items. Many of these projects are currently being addressed or have been completed.

5. Legislative Initiatives

We are preparing for our budget hearing in front of the ND House Appropriations committee. The Minot Chamber hosts a legislative session each Saturday morning which gives community members and area legislators the opportunity to discuss legislative issues of the past week. Everyone is encouraged to attend if their schedule permits

We have submitted 5 projects to our US Congressional delegation for consideration of federal funding.

6. Other

Next meeting is scheduled for April 1, 2009