

**University Cabinet Minutes**  
**April 15, 2009**

**Present:** Nathan Anderson, Brent Askvig, Caren Barnett, Kristi Berg, Lynda Bertsch, Linda Cresap, Brad Damm, Conrad Davidson, Ron Dorn, Sandy Foley, David Fuller, Russ Gagnon, Dale Gehring, Rod Hair, Wylie Hammond, Rick Hedberg, Sarah Henderson, Cathy Horvath, Dick Jenkins, Roger Kluck, JoAnn Linrud, Teresa Loftesnes, Mark Lyman, Wes Matthews, Neil Nordquist, Leon Perzinski, Gary Rabe, Marv Semrau, Ken Story, Kris Warmoth, Jonelle Watson and Deb Wentz

**Absent:** Libby Claerbout, Lisa Eriksmoen, Kevin Harmon, Sandy Nordstrom and Jennifer Sick

**Guest:** Kelly Lichtenberger and Rebecca Porter

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the March 18, 2009 meeting were approved as presented.

**New Business**

1.

a. Faculty senate report – faculty senate has 3 meetings left for this academic year. Elections will be held on April 23. Ernst Pijning is the incoming president for the 2009-2010 year.

b. Staff senate report – the NDUS staff senate is scheduled to meet on April 24 to finalize bylaws, etc. There have been some delays in completing these due to flooding around the state. Elections will be held on April 30 and new officers will be elected at the May senate meeting.

c. Student government – elections are over and Sarah Perry is the incoming SGA president. SGA had a very good meeting with various departments regarding student participation at athletic events. More details will be forthcoming. MSU received several award/recognition at the recent meeting of the National Association for Campus Activities.

President Story thanked everyone for their support of SGA over the past year and is looking forward to his role as the NDSA President.

President Fuller congratulated Story on his many accomplishments while at MSU and in particular, in his role as SGA president. Minot State will certainly miss his leadership.

2. Announcements/acknowledgements/calendar

Acknowledgements announced at the meeting included: all those who helped with the sandbagging efforts, Teresa Loftesnes, Ken Story, Wes Matthews, Leon Perzinski, Mark

Lyman, Roger Kluck, Lisa Johnson, Deb Wentz, Anton Huether, Rick Hedberg, publications and design department, and ITC.

3. Current issues/area reports –

Advancement – Marv and Tawnya are working with the senior class for a Senior Giving Campaign to help restore the Winged Victory sculpture.

CEL – we are hosting another petroleum workers workshop next Wednesday and are currently working on booking another in August.

NDCPD – April is Autism Awareness Month so staff will be very busy participating in many events around the state. We have been notified that we will receive \$761,000 in federal funds for the autism program.

RCJC – will receive \$500,000 in federal funds for meth project

JCEMP – have been notified as well that they will receive continued funding for their program.

Ed & HS – Alan Ekblad has received a \$198,000 grant for 4 years. Deb Jensen and Cheryl Gerard have been nominated for the YWCA Women of Distinction Award. Linda Olson in Humanities and Melanie Moore in Student Health have also been nominated.

Bottineau- the name change to Dakota College in Bottineau is awaiting the Governor's signature. HLC is coming for its site visit at the end of April. Bottineau County is celebrating its 125 anniversary in June and MSU will have a float in the parade on June 20<sup>th</sup>.

Public Information – several departments met to devise a more streamlined method for communicating with students. Announcements to students will be compiled on a weekly basis and students will receive one email per week. Exceptions will be allowed depending on the nature and urgency of the message.

HR – all employees will be receiving an email regarding employee self-service through the Human Resource system. If anyone has questions or difficulties please share with Wes and he will assist as needed.

Student Affairs – a Foundations of Excellence steering committee luncheon was held yesterday to provide everyone with an update on where we are in this process. A first year experience pilot program will debut this fall. The committee acknowledges Kristi Berg and Andrea Donovan for all the work they have done on the General Education piece. We are looking at development of a Student Success Center. Some duties currently in the Career Services area will be realigned, such as transitioning the mentor program into a peer mentoring program. This initiative is dependent on Title III funds.

Plant – a retirement social for Helen Oie will be held at 1:00 today in the Dome’s Christianson room.

Other items of note: ESL in Dakota Hall will be finished in early May. There will be a May 1 groundbreaking for the monument sign. Funding for Swain is looking optimistic at this point. Bids for the Wellness Center will be solicited this fall. The reopening of 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue is tentatively set for spring 2010 and we will hold public meetings prior to starting any work. Meetings will be held with city officials to keep them up to date on all projects.

4. President’s Report – noteworthy:
  - a. There will be three open forums held tomorrow to discuss the outcomes of the aspiration peer comparisons.
  - b. President Fuller provided an update on ND legislative issues
  - c. NCAA – discussions are ongoing

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m. The next meeting will be held on May 20, 2009.

Deb Wentz, Recording Secretary