

University Cabinet Minutes
June 19, 2013

Present: Stephen Banister, Caren Barnett, Lynda Bertsch, Libby Claerbout, Conrad Davidson, Lisa Eriksmoen, Brian Foisy, David Fuller, Russ Gagnon, Laurie Geller, Kevin Harmon, Rick Hedberg, Dick Jenkins, JoAnn Linrud, Teresa Loftesnes, Holly Major, Wes Matthews, Devin McCall, Annette Mennem, Susan Ness, Kevin Neuharth, Neil Nordquist, Cari Olson, Leon Perzinski, Rebecca Porter, Josh Sandy, Marv Semrau, Vicki Troftgruben, Doreen Wald, Kris Warmoth, Jonelle Watson, Laurie Weber, and Deb Wentz

Absent: Brent Askvig, William Chew, Charlie Dorsa, Cathy Horvath, Lenore Koczon, Gerri Kuna, Beth Odahlen, and Gary Rabe

Guests: Anton Huether, Julie Keller, Kevin Kvale, Joseph Mujule, and Brandon Niess

Approval of minutes – minutes of May 15, 2013 meeting were approved as written.

New Business

1. Senate Reports

Faculty Senate

Most of the committee appointments have been made and are just awaiting approval of the Executive Board; meetings for the coming year have been set; faculty satisfaction survey is receiving good responses in terms of participants, results will be reviewed after July 1.

Staff Senate

MSU hosted the annual NDUS staff senate meeting yesterday, it was fairly well attended; they had a very full agenda; our own campus senate elections have closed; will begin working on fall kick-off event, hopefully it can be held the same day as Convocation.

SGA

Completed a very good year; looking forward to more campus engagement in the coming year; have a newsletter “SGA Scoop”; will be working on creative ideas to contribute to the Power of 100 project; everyone is encouraged to walk in the ND State Fair Parade, just contact Josh to sign up.

2. Introduction of incoming SBHE President

President Fuller introduced Dr. Kirsten Diederich, incoming SBHE President. Cabinet members introduced themselves and thanked Dr. Diederich for visiting our campus and participating in our Cabinet meeting. Dr. Diederich expressed her respect and support of Dr. Fuller and asked that we give the board a chance in the coming year as there will be changes and a more open approach in dealing with campuses will happen.

With the recent news article regarding Dr. Fuller, the president’s staff members presented a letter of

support to Dr. Diederich for further distribution to the SBHE.

3. Year-end department reports and objectives for next year (continued from last meeting)

Sodexo – will offer a new meal plan this fall – unlimited swipes per day.

Enrollment Management – fall numbers are looking pretty good, showing about a 5 1/2% increase over last year; have spent a lot of time on the admission standards for the Pathways project

Athletics – had a very successful first year in Division II and the NSIC, soccer and softball both went to national tournaments, many players recognized for academic achievements; broke ground for Phase III of the Herb Parker renovation; we do have private sponsors for the scoreboard and will be working with broadcasting students to run cameras and such – should make game day experience memorable.

Student Affairs – working on improving the housing online application process to make it more streamlined; made some changes to policies to better reflect what students want; will find out Friday what the Title IV grant amount will be; recipient of the very prestigious CEO Gold Standard Cancer Certification

Bookstore – centennial items are selling very well and we have already had to reorder several items; will be looking at other venues to sell these items – have been selling at summer theater and will also do so at the ND State Fair; more book rentals available this fall

College of Business – the Beaver Brew Café opened last fall and has been an excellent learning lab for students; the college awarded more scholarships this year than ever before; currently have one classroom that has been converted to offer a class to both online and face to face students at the same time; another integrated classroom will be completed this summer; working with tribal colleges to collaborate on programs; Andy Bertsch is the new chair for BADM; this meeting is JoAnn's last meeting as she is retiring.

Native American Center – had another successful powwow; currently working on activities for the NA cultural week with a focus on bringing successful alums back to talk to students; looking at developing local community family events in particular, events that can take place in the evening; continue to look for scholarship opportunities; Annette has assumed the secretary/treasurer duties for the H.E.R.O.S. group, their conference will be held in September

Public Information – President's report will be going to print soon; have been busy presenting the Power of 100 project to various clubs and businesses and there is good interest in participating; there will be some changes to the Inside newsletter this fall that will make the online version much easier to navigate; Minot Daily is always looking for stories – please let Susan know if you have anything that could be forwarded to the MDN.

Registrar – hosted the ND ACRAO conference on campus at the end of May; had a few minor issues with Commencement but overall everything went well; will be issuing mid-term grades for all students not just those that are performing poorly; will be offering more advisor training in the coming year; have had a few software upgrades; have opened a Facebook page so stop by and “like” us!

Advancement – last fall the foundation opened the Beaver Suites apartments directly west of the campus; foundation is also looking at property south of the campus; have been heavily involved in Centennial planning, September 21 is the kick-off Block Party; still have 11 days to get your annual giving gift in.

4. NDUS/Chancellor/Pathways

There is a SBHE meeting on Thursday so we should probably hear more about the interim chancellor position; with all that has taken place this past year, we need to put our focus on students and people in the system; looking forward to positive growth and development; we continue our progress in meeting the requirements of the Pathways project.

5. Announcements/Acknowledgements

HR letters of appointment and contracts should go out either this afternoon or tomorrow

Unveiling of the Beaver statue will be on September 24th – we do also want to make 11th avenue drivable by that time.

The executive team from the Staff Senate is recognized for all the work they did in organizing the ND staff senate meeting. Susan Ness and Paul Brekke are also recognized for providing tours to the group.

Randy Lakoduk, groundskeeper, is recognized for his work in getting the campus looking beautiful.

Robin Wagner and Jonelle Watson are recognized for all the time they have spent with the web based budgeting system, they are often here past 10:00 p.m.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:50.

Submitted by Deb Wentz