

University Cabinet Minutes

September 19, 2012

Present: Stephen Banister, Lynda Bertsch, Libby Claerbout, Conrad Davidson, Brian Foisy, David Fuller, Russ Gagnon, Dale Gehring, Laurie Geller, Kevin Harmon, Rick Hedberg, Cathy Horvath, Dick Jenkins, David Klassy, Lenore Koczon, Gerri Kuna, JoAnn Linrud, Teresa Loftesnes, Wes Matthews, Annette Mennem, Susan Ness, Neil Nordquist, Beth Odahlen, Cari Olson, Leon Perzinski, Rebecca Porter, Marv Semrau, Carlos Soza, Vicki Troftgruben, Doreen Wald, Kris Warmoth, Jonelle Watson and Deb Wentz

Absent: Brent Askvig, Mikhail Bobylev, Caren Barnett, Lisa Eriksmoen, Roger Kluck, Holly Major, Lindsey Nelson, and Gary Rabe

Guests: Tiffany Fylling and Lori Garnes

Approval of minutes – minutes of August 23, 2012 meeting were approved as written

New Business

1. Senate Reports

Staff Senate

The ad hoc committee working on cost of living increases will be seeking campus input via a survey. This should be accessible yet this semester.

Staff Senate has also organized another committee to analyze and make recommendations regarding parking. The committee will include faculty senate and student government members in addition to staff senate members.

SGA

Homecoming events were very successful with good support from students and campus community. SGA participated in the recent Day of Service activities. Elections were recently held and we now have a full senate with all positions being filled. SGA is pursuing a student savings club where students would receive discounts at various businesses in the city. The chancellor's proposed 3-tier system has been the topic of much discussion among students. The SGA sponsored a student forum to explain proposed changes and seek student input to pass along to the NDSA and the chancellor.

2. 3-Tier Proposal

The chancellor's proposal is now called "Pathways to Student Success". We did ask the campus for their thoughts and recommendations regarding the plan as requested by the chancellor. We did receive more comments than expected and all these helped with our response to the proposal. The students also conducted a forum and also submitted their recommendations and comments to the chancellor for his consideration.

We will be hosting two general forums this Thursday for students so students will have a clear sense of how this proposal may affect them. We don't want to have students worried and start leaving. We cannot assure them that everything will be ok but we can hopefully clear up some misconceptions about the plan.

The chancellor attended the Regents fall meeting and the conversation, although tense at times, was very good. The Regents are very concerned about the effects of this plan and in particular, how Minot State University will be affected. It was important for the chancellor to hear from our community leaders.

There was a mandatory meeting with the Academic Officers to go through some of the details of the plan and then there will be another meeting which will include the presidents. This will be the time to negotiate details of the plan – not to talk about whether or not we should adopt the plan but where changes should be made.

Our position is that we need to take time to study this in more detail – at least a year. The SBHE meets next week and it will be presented to them at that time.

There are a lot of questions still out there:

- Has there been any cost analysis done?
- Will they look at how they calculate graduation and retention rates – will affect students who start at a 2 year and then transfer to a 4 year
- Are there plans in place to review it after it is instituted and adjust for any downturns?
- How do we make this work for us?
- Is the plan to ask the legislature to support us if we have drastic enrollment drops?

We will need to work hard to make this plan succeed for us.

3. Cabinet “Real Conversations”

We have begun the 1 on 1 discussions with cabinet members to determine where we need to go beyond 2013. After the 3-tier proposal issues settle down we will have a one day retreat to determine where we need to go and what we need to do.

4. Special Hostfest Presentation

Minot State University is very fortunate to partner with the Norsk Hostfest in bringing retired secret service agent Clint Hill to campus. Hill was the agent assigned to Jackie Kennedy. Please encourage those in your areas to attend this special presentation.

5. Announcements/Acknowledgements

ITC was recognized for their efforts in assuring a smooth start to the school year.

Fall Kick Off/Coronation/Homecoming committees were recognized for their successful events.

Participants who helped with the State Fair parade and booth were thanked for their involvement.

6. Other

President Fuller has announced his intent to retire in June 2014. There is still a lot of work to be done prior to that date, i.e. flood recovery, centennial, etc.

The International Newsletter was distributed for review.

Diversity Day, October 5, will feature an inter-active theater group presenting "Strange Like Me" a program on racism, sexism, and homophobia especially for college students.

October 9th we will be hosting our annual etiquette lunch. Chuck Repnow will be the emcee. The meal runs from 12:30 – 2:00

Notstock is back on October 4-6. This will be the biggest one yet – be sure to check it out.

CETL had very successful Connections sessions as well as good participation for the days of service. Next service projects will be January 11, 14, and 15.

Futurpalooza was very successful. We hosted around 1,000 students from 28 schools in North Dakota and Montana. Derek VanDyke is acknowledged for all of his great efforts in organizing this event.

The library thanked Dr. Fuller for hosting a recent luncheon as a thank you for the awful conditions the library folks endured during the summer with no air conditioning.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:55.

Submitted by Deb Wentz