

University Cabinet Minutes
October 16, 2013

Present: Stephen Banister, Lynda Bertsch, William Chew, Libby Claerbout, Conrad Davidson, Lisa Eriksmoen, Brian Foisy, David Fuller, Russ Gagnon, Laurie Geller, Kevin Harmon, Rick Hedberg, Cathy Horvath, Dick Jenkins, Lenore Koczon, Teresa Loftesnes, Holly Major, Wes Matthews, Devin McCall, Christine McIntosh, Jacek Mrozik, Susan Ness, Kevin Neuharth, Neil Nordquist, Beth Odahlen, Cari Olson, Leon Perzinski, Rebecca Porter, Gary Rabe Josh Sandy, Marv Semrau, Doreen Wald, Kris Warmoth, Jonelle Watson, Laurie Weber, and Deb Wentz

Absent: Brent Askvig, Caren Barnett, Gerri Kuna, Annette Mennem, and Derek Van Dyke

Guests: Lindsey Benson and Joseph Mujule

Approval of minutes – minutes of September 18, 2013 meeting were approved as written.

New Business

1. Senate Reports

Faculty Senate

We hosted an excellent Great Plains Symposium last week and Kevin thanked the many people involved in the production of this event. Assessment Day was held last week; have several ad hoc committees working a variety of different issues.

Staff Senate

The Staff Senate's Power of 100 project is to donate 100 hours of volunteer service in the community – so far they have 41 hours accrued; several different offices around campus are holding their own Power of 100 projects; meeting with Warren Gamas to set up a sub-committee for the UPPC to look at the administrative side; committees will be asked to be more active to help move the senate forward; holiday decorating contest will be coming up soon – looking for a centennial tie-in.

SGA

The Fuller's hosted SGA for their last meeting which included some leadership development exercises; next week's meeting will include a focus session from the Planning & Budgeting Council to get student's opinion on what MSU's focus should be in the coming year; September SGA Scoop is available on line; will be involved with Halloween at the Dome – all clubs are involved.

2. Pathways/NDUS

Still a lot of conversations going on regarding Pathways; Mike Hillman, the interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs will be done the beginning of November; switching over to the new tuition model will be very complicated; we need to market this and roll out changes as soon as we can; still not sure of all

the impacts this will have; looking at making our admission standard more transparent – right now the NDUS only publicizes the high end number (190) and students would not know that they would qualify with a number in the 170-189 range.

3. Announcements/Acknowledgements

CEL – open house will be on November 7th from 11:00 – 1:00; interviewing finalists for LaTosha’s position; Power of 100 project – soup collection; CEL newsletter will be coming out soon.

Student life – Caren is not here this morning as she is busy administering flu shots – everyone is encouraged to stop by and get their shot; diversity committee will host an event on October 24 – “Celebrating 100 Cultures” – refer to handout for more details

Humanities – 100 Years of Normal is now showing in Aleshire Theater. It is a terrific performance involving many faculty and staff

International – the deadline for the photo competition is October 31st

Student Success – hosted a very well attended etiquette lunch this week; College of Business did a great job in helping with the lunch

CETL – Internship applications are due December 1; CETL Student of the month for September was Josh Sandy

Sodexo- Café hours are extended to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday; “mindful” program in where they highlight one item per day with focus on being more healthy; food now has the bar code so you can scan and enter in a number of health-monitoring apps; November 4 Christine McIntosh will interview for the permanent position at MSU

Marketing – the MSU app is live; on November 21 the Chamber hosts their annual Showcase of Business from 5-8 at the State Fair Center – a circus theme is highlighted this year; we have some spots on the NBC ND Today program, let Teresa know of any events – this program is broadcast statewide so it is good exposure for MSU; Run or Dye is interested in hosting another Minot run in the future in collaboration with MSU

Registrar – mid-term grades are due on Monday; current students can begin registering for spring on Tuesday; grade apps are due on Friday

Student Center – please have employees in your areas update their photo ID cards as soon as possible so we can publish the campus directory

Athletics – join the men’s and women’s basketball teams this evening at 7:00 for “Late Night with the Beavers”

4. Other

Sexual Harassment Prevention Workshops – these will be held on October 23 and various 1-hour sessions will be held throughout the day. This training is mandatory and if someone is unable to attend they must provide a very good written reason for not attending. Will need to look at conducting a make-up session at a later date. Training is being conducted by the Village Business Institute.

State Van Usage – there have been some questions about what constitutes a university sanctioned activity and the use of vans by students to attend these functions. From a risk management standpoint, there is a liability to the state should something happen. Brian will get out clear and definitive guidelines for all the campus to avoid any confusion in the future.

Budget Issues – there has been some talk of restoring the budgets to the previous levels prior to the cuts we made the past couple of years – in particular in relation to the library. The library did an extensive review of their operations and budget and made their own cuts that would still not sacrifice services. Some of these will be replaced in the future. Brian is available to talk to Faculty Senate to help explain the issues involved with budgeting.

Wellness Center – we are opening the discussion of expanding usage to the wellness center facility among other campus members. A number of meetings will be held with not only those on campus but also community entities to seek input. Recommendations will be made to the Cabinet and to President’s staff.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:00

Submitted by Deb Wentz