

University Cabinet Minutes

April 19, 2023

Present: Sara Abrahamson, Katy Allers, Nathan Anderson, Maggie Backen, Paul Brekke, Lisa Dooley, Deb Haman, Kevin Harmon, Rick Hedberg, Andy Heitkamp, Tiffany Heth, Cole Krueger, Jynette Larshus, Michael Linnell, Heather Martin, Janna McKechnie, Annette Mennem, Jacek Mrozik, Robert Norman, Cari Olson, Darren Olson, Gary Orluck, Leon Perzinski, Rebecca Ringham, Michelle Sayler, Steve Shirley, Brian Smith, Karina Stander, Doreen Wald, Jonelle Watson, Laurie Weber, Deb Wentz, Alaric Williams, and Brent Winiger

Absent: Maggie Anderson, Jeremy Feller, Kevin Forde, Lori Garnes, Laurie Geller, Lisa Haman, Jane laPlante, Carmen Simone, Jessica Smestad, and James Sturm

Approval of minutes: February 22, 2023 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

New Business

1. Senate Reports

SGA

- Nengi Daminabo is the new SGA President
- SGA did meet last night; it was more of an organizational meeting with the new officers in place

Faculty Senate

- HB 1446, the post-tenure review pilot program for DSU and BSC was defeated
- SB 2247, defines specified concepts & prohibits training on the concepts by SBHE institutions; requires annual diversity of thought survey, has gone back to the Senate for discussion
- Will have a meeting tomorrow dedicated to Gen Ed ad hoc recommendations
- D. Rolandson will assume senate president duties in May

Staff Senate

- Elections end today; new president will be seated in May
- Employee appreciation event on Friday – ice cream sundaes; bingo cards due in on April 26
- Raised \$1,789 in our silent/live auction; funds will go to Minot Public Schools to help pay deficits on student's lunch accounts

2. President's Report

- HB 1003, NDUS appropriation, has gone through both legislative houses and now will go to committee to work out differences; the committee consists of three representatives from each of the houses; anyone is welcome to tune into the live stream broadcast to hear details
- This is a strong bill from both houses; good for employees; there is not a lot of leftover funds to address inflation, pay equity, etc.
- The House has proposed a 4%/4% salary increase for employees and the Senate has proposed a 6%/4% increase; the legislature is putting in all the money needed to cover salary increases due to the lack of fees institutions will have with a tuition freeze
- Both have tuition freezes for the next two years; the difference is that the House has also included a freeze on fees as well
- Health insurance was not even brought up in the session so the state will continue to fund this

- Both versions of the bill allow for money to raze Dakota Hall; both versions allow for the hiring of one additional FT counselor to address mental health issues
- House looked at funding for upgrades to academic buildings and submitted \$8M; Senate zeroed out the amount; conference committee is meeting right now
- President's staff is working on the strategic planning recommended projects; need to know what the final budget will be after the legislative session is done before finalizing our decisions
- Last Friday we hosted the Hometown Price event which had a wonderful turnout; thanks to all those involved with organizing and helping with this event
- Thanks to all that met with the NDUS auditors yesterday

3. Acknowledgements/Announcements:

VPSA – there are a lot of student activities over the next couple of weeks please try to attend and support our students; we have a new cohort with 16 Aspire Scholars for the summer; invited to a meeting with the Chamber EDC regarding Bakken grow program where Ukrainian refugees would be coming to the region to help with work force shortages; we are one of several partners to help them acclimate to the region; Minot State will be the host site for the Recovery Reinvented 2023 through the Governor's office; will take place October 4 and 5 in the Dome; Student Center renovation approval is in both versions of HB 1003

Advancement – thanks to all who participated in Giving Day; we raised around \$361,000 that will support a number of programs and projects; summer theater canopy over the stage is going up; J. McKechnie is moving to another position in Athletics

ASC – first student registration for fall went well; K. Sem, access services, has developed an online program for testing; final exam deadline for access services accommodations is May 3

Power – received 25 new applicants from this latest registration; will be celebrating 23 graduates with a dinner event on May 4; received a 100% on our annual performance report, meeting every objective; working with student counseling to collaborate on meeting student's mental health needs

CEL – lifelong learning institute is still underway with a framing class for artwork and a photography camera operations class taking place

Assessment – program assessment manual draft has been sent for review; building on common language at MSU and looking for feedback; adding strategic plan objectives to SPOL so all outcomes are mapped to the plan objectives, etc.

HR – working on staff reviews; have been very busy with a variety of personnel issues

UComm – Connections is out; working on President's report; looking for more senior stories

Student Center/Activities – SGA had several student activities for Earth Week – provided reusable lunch boxes, straws, and water bottles; decorated birdhouses to hang in trees around campus; campus cleanup will be postponed until next week due to the weather; will host a late night finals breakfast on May 8 – sign up sheet was distributed for helpers

Design/Print – June 5-9, all staff will be participating in an on-line conference so the office will be closed except for emergencies – please plan accordingly

ITC – gearing up for summer projects – door access – telephones, etc.,

Wellness – finishing up semester activities; still have the walking challenge taking place; getting disc golf and bikes ready for use; held a mile-high climb challenge on the climbing wall which amounts to 150 climbs to the top – had a student complete the challenge in 2 hours yesterday

Military Resources – working on problems since the launch of the new VA reporting system; participated in the Prairie Warrior Auction; thanks to all those who participated in Purple Up Day in support of Military kids; will be in Bismarck attending training on National Guard tuition proposal

Student Health – N. Mickelson is retiring as of May 12

Marketing – Hometown pride scholarship application has passed and now the focus is on transfer students; thanks to all who helped during the tournament season; State Fair parade is on July 22 plan on participating; thanks to all who helped with the hometown pride event; T. Pierson will be going on maternity leave soon

DCB – HLC will be here on April 24 in Minot and Des Lacs on Tuesday; attended the Region 5 conference in Fargo; dental accreditation visiting this fall – looking for teachers for the dental programs

IR – course evals go out Monday; student satisfaction closed a couple of weeks ago and that information will be coming out soon

Security – everyone needs to complete the Risk Management training

Alumni – gala is May 5 – raised over \$40,000 in scholarship money through the endowment – still have a few tickets left for the Gala; will be assuming the Assistant AD External Relations in Athletics following the Gala

NA – see acknowledgements that were attached for help during the NA science fair; Environmentally Minded People of Minot will be hosting a film this evening; Powwow week will include an educational program on Friday for area elementary students; Murdered & Missing Indigenous Peoples Awareness walk will be held on May 5 at 4:00 in the Beaver Dam; on May 6 will host a fashion show in the NWAC

Residence Life – applications are on par to what they were last year for fall; many residence hall upgrades will take place over the summer

Facilities – road by the Dome will be repaved once it warms up; many equipment breakdowns over the winter

VPAF – after graduation, parking by Hartnett will not be allowed to allow for construction vehicles; looking at construction of a wrestling locker area but will be delayed by renovation of the parking lot to the east of the Student Center and Administration building; may affect construction in student center on the first and second floors

Enrollment – thanks to all who helped last Friday – had about 200 students and parents for lunch with around 140 students registered; on April 28 we will have another registration event

Financial Aid – 2024 – 2025 FAFSA is going through some changes; we are closely watching how changes will affect students

Bookstore – regalia is being shipped; do have some extra for those who didn't order in time

Registrar – busy with Commencement – will have fewer people on the stage; video board will likely not be working

Business Office – M. Hargrave is retiring and have hired R. Tribet to replace her

Adjourned at 10:26

Respectfully submitted, Deb Wentz