

University Cabinet Minutes
February 23, 2011

Present: Brent Askvig, Stephan Banister, Caren Barnett, Linda Benson, Lynda Bertsch, Linda Cresap, Conrad Davidson, Lisa Eriksmoen, Brian Foisy, Sandy Foley, David Fuller, Russ Gagnon, Dale Gehring, Rod Hair, Kevin Harmon, Rick Hedberg, Dick Jenkins, Roger Kluck, Chase Lee, JoAnn Linrud, Theresa Loftesnes, Mary Lyman, Selmer Moen, Cheryl Nilsen, Neil Nordquist, Sandy Nordstrom, Cari Olson, Leon Perzinski, Rebecca Porter, Marv Semrau, Kris Warmoth, Jonelle Watson and Deb Wentz

Absent: Libby Claerbout, Cathy Horvath, West Matthews, and Carlos Soza

Guests: Anton Huether and Virginie Vournas

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the December 15, 2010 meeting were approved as presented.

Old Business

1. Office relocations update – the CEL department has made the move to the third floor of the administration building. If you have not seen their remodel, stop by sometime as it turned out very nice to fit their needs.

TRiO and VA Center areas now occupy the former Jones Room location on campus. The remodel of that area allows for convenient student access and places them in a prominent area on campus so students will be more likely to take advantage of the services they provide.

2. Open forum comments – comments from the open forum held last November were distributed for your review. It is important that we review these and address concerns or issues in a thoughtful manner. As you will note, some of the concerns have been addressed (advising, food services, etc.) and others may help with future planning, it is important that all of us pay attention to what people are saying and take action on those that need immediate attention.

New Business

1. Senate Reports:

Faculty Senate – Assessment day will be held next Thursday, March 4 and will feature a guest speaker who will give a lecture on implementation and evaluation of a comprehensive experiential education program. Various other sessions will take place as well throughout the day.

The senate ad hoc committee on the first year experience has submitted their final report and recommendations to the full senate for their consideration. The Gen Ed committee continues its work and will present three different models to the faculty senate.

Staff Senate – three scholarships have been awarded; work has begun on the fall kickoff event at the zoo – will be asking faculty senate for their help with this event; legislative support for a non-voting member on the SBHE; ND Staff Senate will participate in the legislative showcase in March; and senate is finalizing a tour schedule for new employees.

SGA – interviews for director positions will be taking place soon; elections will be held at the end of March; winter week events were well attended.

2. Announcements and Acknowledgements

The following individuals were recognized for their exceptional service since the last meeting: Heather Stroupe-Smith, Caren Barnett, Paul Brekke, Renae Yale, Kemerly Moorhouse, Kate Neuhalphen, Vicki Troftgruben, Linda Cresap, FYE ad hoc committee members, Suzanne Blessum, Emily Rodacker, Lisa Eriksmoen and Deb Wentz.

Mark Lyman was thanked for his service to MSU and Sandy Nordstrom was congratulated on her 33 years of service to MSU and was wished much happiness in her retirement.

MSU Club Hockey will be attending the national tournament this coming weekend.

March 9th is the legislative showcase at the capital.

Minot State will present to the Senate Appropriations Committee on March 9th as well.

ND Class B boy's basketball tournament will be held on campus March 3-5.

The women's basketball team will have a playoff game tonight in the dome.

NSIC Commissioner, Butch Raymond, will be on campus this afternoon and tomorrow morning

Everyone is encouraged to attend the Dress for Success style show today at noon in the Beaver dam.

It is time again to complete the fraud and code of conduct training. Information will be forthcoming from the Business Office.

Several changes have been made with the custodial staff in anticipation of Kephart's retirement later this year.

3. Speaker's Directory – this is a good resource for the community as it provides a listing of experts that can be tapped as speakers for various events. Please provide public information with your information if you wish to be added to the list.

4. Marketing – it will be MSU at the Mall on April 2 from noon to 3:00. Along with this, the mall also invites us to use their facility another day during the year for any other type of event we want. Suggestions included:

 Showcasing SGA events and clubs

 Poster sessions held on campus may be easily done at the mall as well

Please forward any ideas to Teresa in Marketing.

There will be a photo shoot for students and faculty on March 8th from 1:00 – 4:00. All academic deans should work with their faculty and the VPAA to identify those faculty that should participate.

5. Cabinet Retreat – notes from the retreat held on January 10 were reviewed. We must be cognizant of what we want to become in 2020. Identify what we have done well and what needs attention. President Fuller will be hosting a forum in March which will cover a lot of this information

6. Current Issues/Reports

Plant – with the Class B on campus, we will need to accommodate our guest's parking requirements – thanks for your patience.

Construction:

 Wellness Center ground breaking beginning of March

 Should have final plans for Area A Geothermal by this Friday

 Slaaten Center and Sodexo renovation will begin mid-May

 Will begin 2nd phase of landscape plan between Cook and Dakota

Some of our local legislators are concerned about us asking for geothermal support and support to move the Plant building to the north so we have agreed to put a hold on requesting support for the plant move and only concentrate on the geothermal request.

RCJC – did receive a \$50,000 grant from the Bremer Foundation to support the Victim Assistance Academy for ND; oil development in ND has put a strain on area law enforcement agencies

Student Affairs – Dennis Parisien has resigned his position. Wylie Hammond and Evelyn Klimpel will be working with the students so that the annual Powwow will be successful; TRiO awareness week is taking place – check out what they are all about. We have a quota of serving 200 students and 60 have signed up so far – many are athletes.

We have received some very good applicants for the VA director position we have open – these will be reviewed by the committee and recommendation will be coming soon.

CEL – energy symposium will be held on campus March 13-15

Student Health – we received notice that we have been recertified as a CEO Cancer Gold Standard Employer for 2011

Library – the Writing Center is now open; looking to hire a weekend reference assistant; still have money for books so get the word out

Financial Aid – not looking very promising for PELL and other grants – we are pretty much in limbo until we know what we will be receiving on the federal level for student aid financing.

NDCPD – working with legislators and advocates at the state level on many different bills; there have been program cuts on the national level

Student center – not much going on right now; will be traveling to Minneapolis the first week in April for possible show bookings for next year; looking forward to the Sodexo remodel; not many complaints about Sodexo food or services

Fitness Center – moved out of Dome – Brekke will relocate to the VA office until the tournament is done

Bottineau – record enrollment at 868 for spring; hockey team will play this weekend in Rochester, NY to defend national championship; 2 DCB students will compete in the national Collegiate DECA competition in Orlando, FL; collaboration with SBA in assisting entrepreneurs; construction underway of 7 greenhouses and a wash/pack facility will begin in spring; ND Senate appropriation hearing on March 9th; plans are nearly complete for the Earth Day activities on April 20

7. President's Report –

- Briercrest Partnership
- TMCC meeting
- AAC&U Meeting
- House Appropriations hearings
- Hobson's and international recruitment
- Noel-Levitz
- Participation in a roundtable to advise US Dept. of Education
- Regent's legislative social

Full report is available at

http://www.minotstateu.edu/president/report/presidents_report_02_23_11.pdf

6. Other – Regents Achievement Award nominations are due on 3/4/11

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Deb Wentz, Recording Secretary