

University Cabinet Minutes  
April 16, 2015

**Present:** Brent Askvig, Stephen Banister, Caren Barnett, Lynda Bertsch, DeVera Bowles, Alex Buchholz, Libby Claerbout, Conrad Davidson, Lisa Eriksmoen, Brian Foisy, Russ Gagnon, Warren Gamas, Andy Heitkamp, Dick Jenkins, Lenore Koczon, Teresa Loftesnes, Holly Major, Paul Markel, Devin McCall, Annette Mennem, Beth Odahlen, Cari Olson, Gary Orluck, Rebecca Porter, Marv Semrau, Steven Shirley, Brian Smith, Steven Swenson, Doreen Wald, Kris Warmoth, Laurie Weber, and Deb Wentz

**Absent:** Laurie Geller, Kevin Harmon, Rick Hedberg, Alysia Huck, Gerri Kuna, Wes Matthews, Jacek Mrozik, Leon Perzinski, Jonelle Watson, and Lori Willoughby, and George Withus

**Guests:** Linde Paige and Tom Seymour

**Approval of minutes:** minutes of March 18, 2015 meeting were approved as written.

**New Business**

**1. Senate Reports**

**Faculty Senate**

Senate President DeVera Bowles provided the following report:

- The Committee on Committees is looking at how to stream-line senate committees and define their purpose; currently have some that may be unnecessary
- Election day is today
- Working on by-laws update
- Will invite HLC co-chairs to the next meeting to provide an update on MSU's upcoming accreditation

**Staff Senate**

Senate president Steve Swenson provided the following report:

- The Silent Auction raised \$2,000 that will be presented to the Back Pack Buddies Program
- Elections will be held soon and once again they will be conducted electronically

**Student Government Association**

President Alex Buchholz provided the following report:

- Held their crossover from old officers to new on Monday of this week
- Have decided on Professor of the Year and Advisor of the Year – announcement will come soon
- Have a very enthusiastic group of students in the SGA for the coming year
- One major focus next year will be sustainability

**2. President's Report**

University/NDUS/SBHE Updates:

- Thank you to everyone who has assisted with the Inauguration events; don't miss out on the talent show this evening
- Chancellor search has been narrowed to four candidates; interviews will be held in Bismarck on April 29 and 30; have a very good group of candidates

- Mike Ness was confirmed as an SBHE member by the legislature
- HB 1003 has passed through the Senate with some changes made; it will now go to conference committee to work out the differences between the House and the Senate recommendations
- MSU will not have the \$2.5 for flood recovery
- Oil impact dollars were put back in by the Senate
- Tuition cap is proposed for not more than 2.5%
- Legal and audit functions will come out of NDUS and now be a part of state agencies covering these areas
- Challenge Grant stayed the same for MSU at \$1 million; Senate added an extra .5million for any institution to go after once the match has been met

### **3. Announcements/Acknowledgements**

Business Affairs – we were able to refinance a university mortgage (from 5.5% to 2.7%) which will result in significant savings

Education & HS – there will be some accreditation changes for SPED and Teacher Ed; attended student award ceremony in Fargo – Praxis Bowl – 3 out top 5 students were from MSU; waiting to hear back from Bush Foundation on grant application; working with BSC on co-promotion of programs; meeting with SGA to discuss course evaluations on line; Warmoth and Markel will travel to Fargo for retirement event for the dean of the college of Human Development & Education

Athletics – tailgating this weekend at baseball and softball; May 2<sup>nd</sup> there will be a public unveil of the completed press box and will include tailgating and spring football game

Registrar – focus is on commencement

Native American – very busy wrapping up powwow details

CEL – working on many summer activities; attended a student feedback session in Bismarck

POWER – looking for any first generation stories from faculty, staff, and students

Student Success – very busy with checking of resumes and helping with interviewing skills

Publication and Design – if you can at all hold off to order letterhead and envelopes, please do so until later in the summer when we order for the whole campus at one time. You will save so much more due to the large amount ordered

Advancement – inauguration – please park in lot north of Dome; Gala is sold out; Alumni Association is seeking nominations for Golden Awards

College of Business – several faculty searches taking place

NDCPD – on the 23<sup>rd</sup> will be sponsoring Tammy Trottier who will present on Turtle Medicine; L. Garnes is in DC this week conducting follow up visits with the delegation; many events planned in October to celebrate 25 years of NDCPD on the MSU campus

Veterans – ND is in compliance with federal regulations regarding veterans funds so we will continue to receive help for tuition; working with MAFB on troops to teachers; consulting with UND and NDSU on their veterans centers as well as their Upward Bound program; will be hosting a memorial day event in May

Graduate School – busy preparing for the hooding ceremony the morning of May 15

Security – have identified emergency coordinators for each building; will hold a tornado drill on April 30; September will have a fire drill; sometime in the winter will have training for active shooter on campus; Cleary Act training will be on line and is required that all faculty and staff complete it

Plant – press box is 99% done and looks very nice – please do not ask for tours as we are trying to get it ready for the grand opening on May 2; the new facilities building should be ready to occupy by mid-July

Housing – MSU hosted the state housing officers meeting; will be sending a delegation to Fargo for a National conference of residence hall staff; all hires for RA and RHD are done and we are fully staffed for the fall

Arts & Sciences – will have 9 new faculty next fall; will have open forums next week for the dean of Ed & HS

Library – second candidate for our open position will be on campus toward the end of the month; academic libraries are now eligible for some state grants

Financial Aid – thank you to campus for your patience as all new staff in the department receives training; scholarship awards for returning students will go out today; working on summer financial aid; losing Perkins Loan in October would mean between \$300,000 – 400,000 less for MSU to award

Marketing – use your social media to spread the word about MSU

IR – collecting data for NSSE; FSSE just opened on Monday; US News due in a couple of weeks and ranking will publish in late August

International – L. Olson in Humanities will lead a ceramic tour in China during summer of 2016; thanks to all who took part in the tapestry weaving as part of the inauguration activities

CETL – advanced training for Connect this week and next; Dessert reception on 4/30 at 3:00; nominations are being accepted for 1<sup>st</sup> year advocate awards

Adjourned at 10:30 am

Respectfully submitted, Deb Wentz