

University Cabinet Minutes  
February 20, 2019

**Present:** Andy Bertsch, Lynda Bertsch, Paul Brekke, , Michael Brooks, Andy Carter, Libby Claerbout, Lisa Dooley, Anna Dykeman, Jeremy Feller, Laurie Geller, Kevin Harmon, Rick Hedberg, Andy Heitkamp, Jane laPlante, Mike Linnell, Teresa Loftesnes, Holly Major, Devin McCall, Janna McKechnie, Jacek Mrozik, Annette Mennem, Kowan O'Keefe, Cari Olson, Gary Orluck, Leon Perzinski, Rebecca Ringham, Steven Shirley, Jessica Smestad, Brian Smith, Katie Tyler, Marc Wachtfogel, Doreen Wald, Jonelle Watson, Laurie Weber, Deb Wentz, and Brent Winiger, and George Withus

**Absent:** Brent Askvig, Penny Belgarde Angi Brown, Melissa Fettig, Steve Johnson, Erik Kana, Jerry Migler, Beth Odahlen, and Aaron Richard

**Guests:** Heather Martin

**Approval of minutes:** minutes of the January 17, 2019 meeting were approved as presented.

## **New Business**

### **1. Senate Reports**

#### **Faculty Senate**

Senate president, A. Bertsch provided the following report:

- Continuing to monitor legislative session; attending forums on Saturdays with local legislators
- Should have the results of the ad hoc committee's analysis of the faculty senate structure sometime tomorrow
- Faculty senate submitted certain criteria to President's staff as they deliberate salary recommendations

#### **Staff Senate**

Senate president, K. O'Keefe provided the following report:

- Tammy Wolf is the latest High 5 recipient
- The senate special events committee hosted a very successful Death by Chocolate event last week

#### **Student Government Association**

- Had a very successful Stand Up event with three community members presenting
- Elections will be March 25-26
- We will host the NDSA meeting on April 13-14

### **2. President's Report**

- The Higher Ed appropriations bill, HB 1003, passed through the house and will now go to the Senate for their recommendations; the house has proposed a 2% salary increase each year of the biennium (SBHE had recommended 4+4 and the Governor proposed a 4+2); they also recommend a fully funded health insurance plan
- The House version is much closer to what the SBHE proposed versus what the Governor recommended

- Another revenue forecast will be coming out in mid-March and that may have an impact on final decisions
- MSU and DCB will be back in Bismarck in March to present to the Senate
- The Senate defeated the bill recommending multiple boards for higher education; they will come up with their own recommendation which is to increase the size of the current board
- HCR 3021 which called for a study to look into the possible privatization of MSU and two other universities was defeated
- Bill 1536 which would have put the authority to set tuition with the legislature was defeated and that authority will remain with the SBHE
- HCR 3016 is proposing to remove campus names listed in the constitution; if passed, it would need to go to the vote of the people
- MSU Regents hosted a legislative social in Bismarck that was well attended
- T. Mihalick's appointment to the SBHE was approved by the ND Senate

## **2. Announcements/Acknowledgements**

Athletics – our first soccer coach candidate is on campus today; there will be a 4:30 meet and greet in the conference center today if anyone is interested; the second candidate will be here next Friday and the meet and greet will be held at the same time and place; will be a busy weekend with BB finishing regular season, athletic lunch on Thursday and softball games in the air supported dome.

VPSA – hoping to have the Beaver Dam completed in the next couple of weeks; lower level will take longer; parent/family weekend this weekend

Advancement – will be hosting several alumni events in AZ in a few weeks as well as meeting with individual donors; Giving Day will be on April 10 – have 49 projects identified around campus; alumni Commencement speaker is 1973 graduate Jim McIntyre, retired CEO of Otter Tail Corporation/Xcel Energy

VPAF – will have enhanced budget books out soon

University Comm. – Connections will be out in March; Inside will go out March 4

Financial Aid – scholarship deadline is past; 1100-1200 applications

GBO – ODIN, a state-wide consortium which allows us to buy things we wouldn't be able to afford, is celebrating 30 years; part of the celebration includes a Flat Odie visit – if you have any ideas to document Flat Odie at MSU, pass them on to Jane; the children's collection is being moved to the main level

Power – annual report time – one grant report is done

Student Success – Education meet and greet is on March 26; Career fair on March 27

Student Center – SGA approved a portable feeding station for mothers and a selfie station on campus

Alumni – forward any possible names for the speaker series; thank you to all who have given through annual appeal

HR – Oracle training this Friday; system onboarding and termination processing training will be coming in March

Accreditation – may have first draft of the response to action letter completed by early summer; more substantial focus with teams working on items in preparation for the full visit will begin soon after; Gen Ed assessment day went well

Security – from March 14-16, we will be hosting the class B boys' state tournament at the Dome

CEL – no issues with the new Blackboard; working on a marketing campaign for the Grad School this fall

Veterans – conducted suicide prevention training; working on PTSD Awareness

NA/Diversity – hosted the H.E.R.O.S meeting yesterday; planning club nights during March and April; approached by community members about some NA cultural training – will be conducting this at Trinity Health and Job Corp; hosted a Black History Month event celebrating inventions from Black inventors; Diversity Council is looking for diversity advisors for the other groups on campus (Asia, Latino, etc)

Wellness – have been asked to attend various department meetings to share information on the Wellenss Benefit

VPAA – V. Pinnick talk is rescheduled for the week after Spring break; thanks to all who participated in Assessment Day

ITC – compiling list of projects for summer; upgrading the operating system over the summer

Registrar – working on Commencement details; have changed the grad process for students

Marketing – now have 48 program videos on the web site; next Tuesday we will hold a student photo shoot

International – temporarily moved to the lower level of the administration building due to the ongoing student center repairs in the lower level; thanks to IT and facilities for their quick work in moving the department with little down time experienced

Business Office – updating reports for NDUS

LCM – soup is now being served in the Atrium while the lower level of the student center is being renovated; over spring break will be taking students to Washington DC to work with homeless; students have started outreach in Minot working with the Men's Refuge

Housing – are fully staffed in the office once again; hall director interviews with candidates took place last week – look to hire this week; RA interviews will take place next week

Facilities – will be enforcing the “no parking – loading zone” areas in front of the Dome and Hartnett hall; violations will result in a \$50 fine – signage has been ordered; work is progressing in the Beaver Dam area

Title IX – April 4 will have the Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event taking place in the Dome; if anyone is interested in donating toward the purchase of shoes, please send \$38.99 to L. Dooley

Enrollment – moving forward with recruiting; spring preview day is April 6; completed several virtual events; E. Kana will be working out of the Enrollment office until he is able to get around better

CETL – Academic Advising Council is seeking nominations

Other – Presidential Speaker series featuring Elizabeth Smart, will take place on April 17 at 7:00 in Nelson Hall; Earth Day activities are being planned during week of April 22

Adjourned at 10:30

Respectfully submitted, Deb Wentz