

University Cabinet Minutes

April 17, 2019

Present: Brent Askvig, Andy Bertsch, Paul Brekke, Michael Brooks, Angi Brown, Libby Claerbout, Lisa Dooley, Anna Dykeman, Kevin Harmon, Rick Hedberg, Andy Heitkamp Steve Johnson,, Erik Kana, Jane laPlante, Mike Linnell, Devin McCall, Annette Mennem, Beth Odahlen, Leon Perzinski, Rebecca Ringham, Steven Shirley, Jessica Smestad, Doreen Wald, Jonelle Watson, Laurie Weber, Deb Wentz, Brent Winiger, and George Withus

Absent: Penny Belgarde, Lynda Bertsch, Andy Carter, Jeremy Feller, Melissa Fettig, Laurie Geller, Teresa Loftesnes, Holly Major, Janna McKechnie, Jerry Migler, Jacek Mrozik, Kowan O’Keefe, Cari Olson, Gary Orluck, Brian Smith, Katie Tyler, and Marc Wachtfogel

Guests: Rick Heit, Wendy McManus, and Paul Stroklund

Approval of minutes: minutes of the March 20, 2019 meeting were approved as presented.

New Business

1. Senate Reports

Faculty Senate

Senate president, A. Bertsch provided the following report:

- Working on HLC items
- Will hold a vote of all faculty to introduce a restructured senate

Staff Senate

M. Linnell provided the following report:

- S. Griffen in athletics was the most recent high 5 recipient
- Raised \$1,200 from the silent auction that will be presented to the Magic City Discovery Center
- The bake sale we ran to kick off the 50/50 raffle ticket sales garnered \$200

Student Government Association

J. Bortoluzzi, SGA President provided the following report:

- Looking forward to being the president for the coming year

2. President’s Report

- Elizabeth Smart presentation is on campus tonight
- The legislative session is nearing the end; the higher education bill is in good shape with the Senate approving their version last week – will now go to a concurrent committee to work out differences between the two houses
- Received good news for DCB to go ahead with bonding for up to \$2.5M to do upgrades to the student union and the dining hall
- Challenge Grant funds were approved by both houses

- SCR 4016 would provide a constitutional amendment to go from 8 to 15 SBHE members serving a 6 year term; also provides for maintaining one board; will need go to a general election vote

2. Announcements/Acknowledgements

VPSA – thanks to all who helped with the Spring Preview Day; next Friday will have orientation for 100 students

VPAF – thanks to everyone who prepared some very thoughtful budget presentations last week; will now hold meetings with strategic planning to prioritize before making recommendations to president's staff

Advancement – thanks to all who participated in Giving Day – total amount will be over \$200,000; 165 faculty and staff participated with 26 new participants this year; Gala is May 3 at the Grand; alumni event in Fargo on June 6

Registrar – continued work on commencement; contacting current students that have not yet enrolled for fall

GBO – clearing out lower level of old equipment to make room for student services; the free beverage service is working well and monthly donators are booked through October; will be offering a travel guide book exchange

Student Center/Activities – please sign up to help with the finals breakfast on May 6; activities are winding down for the year

Sodexo – hosted a very successful Easter lunch yesterday

Financial Aid – reminding grads that they need to complete the exit counseling session

Wellness – currently conducting a walking challenge

Power – completed a cultural life enrichment tour with students over spring break; will host a speaker in the Beaver Dam tomorrow at noon

Veterans – Purple Up Day is April 24 – wear purple to support military families – there will be a photo op for this event in the atrium at 11:45

CETL – please help with orientation on April 26 if you can – we have fewer students to help as they will be in class; process of training student leaders; still looking for peer mentors – please forward possible candidates

LCM – only three more Soup Tuesday's left; please support the student Food Pantry – there is a need among our students

Marketing – finishing up on the Giving Day Thank You video; working on the pre-graduation video that will play on the big screen; still looking for students to participate in the photo shoot on April 30

International – the MSU choir leaves in three weeks for their Norway trip; working on OPT applications; held an open forum last Tuesday for International Students – will work on solutions to some of their concerns with the greatest being transportation and cultural acceptance on campus

Honors – one more thesis presentation left for the semester

NDCPD – staff is organizing the 33rd Annual NDACP conference in Bismarck next week and is held for community providers state-wide; working with Minot Housing Authority on getting tenant feedback on use of resiliency funds

Housing – conducting interviews for their vacant position; 156 new students have completed housing apps; 105 returning have as well; D. McCall will be leaving for a position in Fargo

Title IX – thanks to all that participated and donated items for the Red Run

NA/Diversity – MSU Choir held a special concert on Monday evening to honor murdered and missing indigenous women; powwow is next week; Friday at 7:00 will honor Tom & Judy Fredericks for their support of Native students through scholarship opportunities; Saturday will honor graduates

Bookstore – the new manager, Tiffany Heth was introduced; A. Brown's last day is May 3; we have almost 90% of book orders in for fall

Athletics – the north bleachers in the Dome are being removed and should be completely out by Friday; on April 29 the air supported dome will come down; on April 30 we will once again host the BESPYS at 7:00 in Nelson Hall

Assessment – recently returned from HLC conference; collecting evidence and should have first draft ready by the end of June; focused visit is next April

Adjourned at 10:00

Respectfully submitted, Deb Wentz