

PRESIDENT'S CABINET MEETING

Monday, March 10, 2014
9 – 11 a.m.
President's Office –SSB 440A

Present: James Lyall, Kamran Sahami, Vicki Golich. Luis Torres, Myron Anderson, Greg Watts, Judi Diaz Bonacquisti, Cathy Lucas, Cindy Anderson, Catherine Reddy, Loretta Martinez, President Jordan, Braelin Pantel, Ann Murphy, Sandra Haynes, Joan Foster, Steve Kreidler, Joan McDermott.

Absent: Carol Svendsen, Carolyn Wollard, Percy Morehouse.

Guests: Barb Weiske, Mike Hart, Lee Taylor, Michael Erskine, Rick Beck, Amy Phare,

Substitutions: Patricia Ordaz for Anthony Sylvester.

President Jordan's Announcements:

The Higher Education Financing Bill may be introduced this week. He provide more information at the Spring Update. It would add \$20M to MSU Denver if it passes. It is a bipartisan Bill with co-sponsors from both sides of the aisle.

Joan McDermott is in a conference call with the NCAA. She has been selected as the NCAA Division II Athletic Director of the Year.

Dean Haynes will receive an honorary Doctorate while they are in Hungary.

AGENDA

1. Approval of minutes from February 24, 2014

President Jordan asked for any changes. There were no additions or changes noted. It was moved, and seconded, to approve the minutes. A voice vote was taken and the minutes of February 24th were **approved unanimously**.

2. 10th Street Improvements and Connecting Auraria (Barb Weiske, AHEC)

Work is being done to better connect the campus to downtown and to improve safety. The purpose of the Connect Auraria Initiative is to find solutions to connecting to the communities around us. The coalition is made up of many entities. Auraria's borders are prominent and we have many pedestrians and bicyclists. The City received funding for a study to consider a preliminary plan. The study focused on 5 intersections and 9th & Auraria is one of the locations they are looking at first. The center island on Auraria is not a refuge; especially for wheelchairs. The crossing will be widened with a refuge spot in the middle island. Walnut will run to the hotel and will provide a loop. Speer and Larimer is another intersection being improved. The bus-only lane will be eliminated, and sidewalks widened. A bike lane from downtown will be added. Intersections will be colorized for increased visibility . Speer at Lawrence and Larimer

experience the most pedestrian traffic. At Speer and Lawrence, the sidewalks are already widened, but they would add a bicycle lane. The right hand turn lane island on Speer to Lawrence is an issue still to be resolved. The tip may be removed to make a crossing that is well-marked visually. There is a domino effect on Colfax with cars blocking intersections. At Colfax and Lipan, the bus island will be eliminated, as well as the turn lanes onto Lipan, creating a pedestrian walkway, again with the stained concrete for visual separation. This will require the city to put a left turn signal on Kalamath at Colfax, which does not currently exist at that intersection. Many from the community cross here to get to the light rail.

The study will be completed by the end of spring. They'd like to use it for bond funds and to approach CDOT for some funds. They are working to get more than the campus constituencies to support it. The state has funded the first phase of designing the ADA improvements on 10th St. They will remove the crowned road with too much slope and replace it with pavers without a curb for a plaza –like feel. Phase Two goes to the edge of the library. Phase Three will go the rest of the way to Tivoli Commons. They are adding lighting along 10th Street as well, changing to LED fixtures.

Dr. Jordan noted that the Library will also undergo renovation. There will be an added entrance from the Lawrence Street side. These improvements will change the look of 10th Street and Lawrence.

The Downtown Denver Partnership, the City Planning Office and the three institutions of Auraria are all working on this together. 10th Street improvements will begin mid-May, although the lighting improvements are being installed now. Joan Foster asked about vehicle speeds on 7th Street. Barb stated that AHEC is trying to slow traffic.

Dr. Jordan noted improvements coming to the Tivoli as well. Barb was excited to report that they adopted a goal for the year for the Tivoli Entertainment Complex. They have been able to take the former movie theater for other uses; it has been an overflow classroom. The lower level will become the CU Film Center, which will highlight their academic program. The upper level will become a conference center, with an additional 12,000 sq. feet of meeting space. The beer industry will come back to life with the Tivoli Tap Room and Brewery; there will be beer and a restaurant. Tivoli beer will be brewed in the original location. There will be see-through walls and study stations for students to observe the process. The HLC will be involved. The floor below will be MSU's training and research center. They have worked out with CCD's welding program, that they will include beer industry welding, which is unique, skilled work, for a certificate program. The American Beer Association will advise. Dean Haynes added that there will be testing centers for home brewers as well.

3. ITS Update (Lyll) (9:30 a.m.)

James Lyll introduced the ITS staff guests listed above. James Lyll reviewed the top items from the IT strategic planning task force. IT had 20 vacant positions in July. Clarity on roles and responsibilities were addressed. There were no

project managers, so some of the vacant positions were changed. They are at about 10 vacancies right now, and searches are underway. He thanked EO staff and HR staff for their work.

The ITS 'wiki' – is a site to provide organizational knowledge; to document “why did we decide to go this way versus that way”. James noted that last January we had over 30 hours of Banner downtime. This year we have had less than one hour. IT has added storage which is going through the purchasing process and will take about a year to complete. This is a long-term investment. We had two learning management systems that created confusion for students. There has been much investment in the classrooms. A position was dedicated to it, and will improve 20 more rooms this semester. Degreeworks will replace the CAPP report, and is slated to launch in January 2015.

The teaching and learning “cloud” will be a significant advance for faculty. ID and access management takes much of IT’s time.

Going forward, they will continue to use the shared governance process for planning and communication, they want to make their ‘expertise’ more available to students, faculty and staff; this will be done by full-time liaisons. IT wants to move from a “tactical/reactive” to a “strategic/proactive status”.

Discussion

Loretta Martinez asked about connectivity between HR and IT with regard to a new person starting. Right now it’s a paper form that arrives in HR, data is input. Manually, access is created to the various systems. The support team/dedicated liaisons will change that to a more proactive support model.

4. Regular Occurring Updates

A. President update (Dr. Jordan)

The Speaker of the House will meet with the editorial board of the Denver Post today. Cathy will make talking points available to everyone.

The Spring Update will be at St. Cajetan’s. Dr. Jordan encouraged everyone to attend.

The AES Sneak Peek event is at noon today with key CEOs from aerospace companies to brief them on the building and the curriculum and solicit feedback.

B. Theme I – Student and Academic Success

i. Education Quality(Golich)

The Provost’s Office has completed tenure recommendations and sabbaticals. When Dr. Golich arrived there were 3 recommendations for sabbatical; this year the recommendation number is 19. This Friday is the teaching and learning forum.

1. **HSI Update** (Torres and Diaz Bonacquisti)

Luis Torres stated that there were large audiences for the three awards President Jordan received last week. The Ford Foundation could provide masters' students support as well as Faculty Fellows. One of our undocumented students introduced President Jordan. Dr. Torres thinks the AAHHE recognized the level of risk MSU Denver took approving the undocumented tuition rate.

HACU will be in Denver at the Sheraton in October. He was contacted by one of the HACU officials; They have asked us to host 360 students from local high schools (within an hour radius). It would bring to campus 120 students a day for three days.

President Jordan said there were 6-8 students on stage thanking the major sponsors. One was a young woman from the school for the deaf and blind. Her parents thought she would not be able to attend college. She decided to come to MSU Denver. Loretta noted that MSU Denver usually gets about a third of those scholarship recipients.

C. Theme II – Urban Land Grant University

i. MSU Denver Neighborhood update (Kreidler)

The new parking garage will be open next school year. They are working with housing consultants and financial analysts on student housing. They are also working with the Foundation.

D. Theme III – University Culture

i. Campus Climate (Anderson)

The planning committee for the Higher Education Diversity Summit has over 30 proposals for conference sessions. The presentations of the climate results are almost complete. There are three questions at the end of each presentation about changes; Myron encouraged unit areas to have those conversations and send their suggestions to him.

The Noel event was one of the best ever in terms of participation. Melissa Harris-Perry was the Keynote. She presented during the day and a prepared a different presentation for the evening event. There was such high attendance it had to be moved to the PE Event Center from the Turnhalle, and the evening event brought hundreds to the church, many more than previous years combined.

E. Theme IV – University Resources

i. Budget Update (Kreidler)

The Budget Task Force had a meeting last Friday. Based on the proposal by the Governor for an 11% state funding increase, and a maximum 6% tuition increase, we may have about \$7M, with \$3M for distribution. We are down \$3M this year. The bill being worked on for the new funding distribution would go into effect for 2015-16. This assumes flat enrollment; if we are down 1%, that would be a million dollars. A 1% increase to staff is \$850K. Cathy noted that the week of Spring Break, that Friday, Ann Williams may be honored at the Capitol.

ii. Advancement/Fundraising (Wollard) (no report)

F. Telling the MSU Denver Story

i. Strategic Communications and Branding (Lucas)

Last week we were recognized by three entities for our tuition rate. Dr. Torres brought the AAHHE agenda with the article on President Jordan. He also brought the LAEF program that honored Dr. Jordan.

Updates

Joan McDermott –The NCAA is trying to change the play time for the game. The game on Saturday night vs UC Co Springs was almost sold out. She was grateful that Alumni Staff helped monitor doors. Parking for this weekend will be limited because Imagine Dragons is playing at the Pepsi Center at the same time.

Kamran Sahami – Senate approved faculty reassigned time forms. They are working with Academic Affairs for policy on catalogs; Dr. Jordan said we need a new name for the catalog since it's no longer a catalog.

Braelin Pantel – re: student military policy approved last Cabinet – working to make sure the agreement between student and faculty member is on form; form is then taken to the registrar's office; these will be handled on a case by case basis. The forms will clarify the agreements for all parties.

James Lyall – on Sunday March 30th IT will do some upgrades starting at midnight. It will be a 12-hour project, with intermittent service interruptions. It should run Saturday at Midnight to Noon Sunday. A reminder/notice will be in @MSU Denver.

Luis Torres – His review of applications for Faculty tenure and sabbaticals makes him impressed by what our faculty is doing.

Patricia Ordaz for Anthony Sylvester –Monday and Tuesday March 17 & 18th from 4-6 in Tivoli 320s will be the Health Care Town Hall that SGA is holding in order to educate students about health care as it relates to the March 31st Affordable Care Act deadline and services provided by the Health Center at Auraria.

Steve Kreidler – from the policy management presentation at last Cabinet meeting, he received volunteers including Dean Murphy, Rae Shevalier, Kamran Sahami, Tara Tull, and John Thompson – they will take 60 days to create a proposal for best practices. APT group will meet first on April 15. The steering committee will identify macro processes.

Sandra Haynes – We received a \$172K grant for nursing’s dual enrollment program. We received \$10K for OWOW Center; that will go for a scholarship. An affiliate faculty member is giving his salary toward a scholarship.

Loretta Martinez – BOT meetings coming in April, May and June to accommodate the academic and financial items in spring. We can spread out items over the three meetings. The May Meeting is the 15th. The others are earlier, in the first week of the month.

President Jordan – reminder that we cannot use university resources in support of political campaigns. We must be careful about this.
Please come Saturday to support the team.

Cabinet adjourned at 10:42 am.