

PRESIDENT'S CABINET MEETING

Monday, March 9, 2015

9 – 11 a.m.

President's Office –SSB 440A

Present: Catherine Reddy, Emily Davies, Ann Murphy, James Lyall, Luis Torres, Vicki Golich, Liz Hinde, Patricia Ordaz, Steve Kreidler, Joan Foster, Sandra Haynes, Braelin Pantel, Percy Morehouse, George Middlemist, Myron Anderson, Carol Svendsen, Joan McDermott, Loretta Martinez, Cindy Anderson

Absent: Dr. Jordan, Cathy Lucas

Substitutions: Cindy Carlson for Greg Watts, Deanne Pytlinski for Sheila Rucki

AGENDA

1. Approval of minutes from February 9, 2015

Dr. Golich presided. She asked for any comments or suggestions regarding the minutes. It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes. A voice vote was taken and the minutes were **approved**.

2. New Unit in Administration, Finance & Facilities (Kreidler)

Steve Kreidler worked with Vicki Golich, Mark Potter and Carol Svendsen to bring together this plan. They have not named the new unit as of yet. Cathy Lucas and Marketing and Communications will be consulted. The unit will respond to the educational and economic development needs of the Denver Metro area. Public-private partnerships, CAVEA, are included. The CAVEA can bring together various stakeholders, utilize the decision support and make complex decisions. GIS and 3-D modeling tools can be used. CAVEA will be marketed for these functions. Extended Campus will be a part of the new unit as well. The connection to the academic side will remain as it has in the past for Extended Campus. LaunchPad is a new name for a set of services we've had for a while. This is where public-private partnerships come in. This will provide internal start-up support, development of new revenue sources, and fee for service projects (projects outsourced to MSU Denver). This will provide opportunities for our own experts to make some money on the side helping to develop these projects.

Discussion

Will there be one director? Not right now; if it grows significantly they will add a director or manager. Joan liked the LaunchPad and its structural guidance so that people can avoid conflicts of interest and work in compliance with state rules.

VP Kreidler will forward the graphic shown in Cabinet.

3. Overview of HB 1319 challenges in Legislature and Budget Task Force progress report (Kreidler)

VP Kreidler summarized HB 1319. It created about seven measures. The governor had recommended a 10% increase in state base funding. Then a bill was passed so that no institution could get no more than 5% above or below the average. Going into the legislative process, MSU was to get 15% instead of 10%. For all the schools to sign off, of the \$50M we estimated, \$43M is directly tied to credit hour production. It became a weighted credit hour production model. Some schools perceived themselves to be losers in the process, although they hadn't lost anything. Several bills have been put forth in the legislative process. Non-resident students were included in the funding formula. One would change our admission standards. Some have been killed, some will be killed, and some have gone unheard. Figure-setting for capital projects will happen this week, on Thursday the 12th.

Update

\$15M was to be used to fix schools in transition. The JBC did not like it. They wanted more funds in the formula. If that were to happen, the new average would be 12.5% with cap at 17.5%. We'd get the 17.5%. The goal is still to bring all institutions to 10%. This set in motion a lot of activity and positioning for the extra funding. There is talk of removing the under-represented student funding from the formula. We are obviously opposed to that. Senate Bill 72 has still not been heard in the Education committee. Luis reminded Cabinet that Colorado has the biggest achievement gap between the majority and minority college populations. Shifting the funds to Pell gives us almost the same amount as we would have received in the underrepresented student funding formula. However, the goal of supporting underrepresented students is in the higher education strategic plan and is supported by the Lt. Governor and the CCHE. The Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative (COSI) is a fund to help students be more successful. MSU, among others, sees it as funding that should go into financial aid. Many institutions oppose it. VP Kreidler stated that there should be more clarity and direction in about a week.

Budget Task Force

There may be more funds available if the 17.5% amount discussed above happens. The budget will be completed by the end of April.

4. Regular Occurring Updates

A. President update (Dr. Jordan)

Dr. Jordan is in Washington D.C. this week as well as San Antonio. The men's Basketball team lost in the championship game. The DII tournament is still coming up however. Joan said we are in a pretty good place. Saturday we play the other MSU, Mid-Western State.

B. Theme I – Student and Academic Success

i. Education Quality(Golich)

Vicki updated Cabinet on retention. There are some exciting things going on. She thanked James Lyall and his team for their work in supporting others to do their work. Aleutian recruiters provide us with Banner. The Retention Task Force will have a presentation from Vaughn Toland. DegreeWorks will replace the CAPP reporting process. They are working on a phased roll-out. Courses not offered in the last ten years will be taken off the books unless a department needs it to remain and defends it with a rationale. Some may be archived versus deleted. They are also asking departments to identify courses that have been an exception, and make them an “and/or” proposition. The Education Advisory Board has a student success collaborative, which analyzes our data. It provides all student information. There will also be a new ConnectU site. It will be made easier for faculty, staff, and students to navigate. The email migration has been completed. Anyone with any glitches should contact James. James noted that these results are due to investments we made about 18 months ago. The ConnectU changes will come in phases. It won't look all that changed at first. The migration was the basis for making further changes. There will be a demo of the Student Success Collaborative in Cabinet.

Vicki noted that we have just received our advising audit back with good recommendations in it.

1. HSI Update (Torres)

Luis noted that he and Esther Rodriguez met with Mark Potter in CAVEA to discuss how it could be used to move the HSI goals forward. They are working with Excellencia in Education as they asked us to participate, as one of three states, to report on state policies and Latino college completion. Luis passed around a shell of the report that comes out this Friday. He will send the final report out to everyone as well.

Enrollment this semester includes an increase in students of color to 34.1%. Hispanic students went from 20.6% to 21.2% from last spring to this spring. Credit hour production is up from 33.5 to 34.7.

The average age of students is 26.3 and ASSET students' average age is 21.3. They more resemble traditional students, partly because they do have to start higher education within 3 years of graduating high school. We have 53% to 47% full time to part time ASSET students – Luis thinks this is a good rate considering they are not

eligible for Pell Grants. Luis noted that there are African and Asian as well as six white students who are also ASSET students. They come from 90 different high schools.

Cindy Anderson asked if anything was being done at the federal level about DACA students. There is an effort to expand it to parents of US citizens.

C. Theme II – Urban Land Grant University

i. MSU Denver Neighborhood update (Kreidler)

On the 12th he hopes to hear from the JBC on the AES building funding.

D. Theme III – University Culture

i. Campus Climate (Anderson)

Myron passed out HEDS flyers. The conference is on April 10th. Lt. Governor Garcia will do the Welcome. Lee Mun Wah, who usually charges about \$10K for a keynote applied to present two sessions for free. There are 30 sessions.

Climate survey – one recommendation was to align the comprehensive survey to happen every three years, and a pulse survey annually. That will happen this year, with a sample of about 3-4,000. This will monitor more quickly our progress with regard to inclusive excellence.

E. Theme IV – University Resources

i. Budget Update (Kreidler)

No report.

ii. Advancement/Fundraising (Burtness)

No report

F. Telling the MSU Denver Story

i. Strategic Communications and Branding (Lucas)

No report

Updates

Loretta Martinez – there is a Board meeting coming up on the 14th of April. The date was changed due to Good Friday. There will be committee meetings in the morning with the full board meeting following. April, May and June are the major Board meetings, so

she encouraged Cabinet to plan ahead and get materials in in advance. They will discuss the calendar for the upcoming year. May and June meetings are set for the first Thursday and Friday as usual.

Joan Foster – brought the Arts Calendar and passed it out.

DeAnn Pytlinski for Sheila Rucki- Faculty Senate voted to pass (by 89%) a proposal to revise curriculum review process which will now go to the purple book committee. One of the main aspects is to recommend simultaneous review of curriculum, as well as electronic submission and signature. They clarified specific roles and responsibilities for each level of review. They collaborated with the COC and the Provost on Handbook Language regarding grandfathering of department guidelines in the RTP and PTR process that was approved (96%). A resolution regarding Senate Bill 72 regarding our admissions standards was passed. A proposal to create Concurrent degrees versus dual majors was also passed (94%). They also voted to not enforce the General Studies Timing of Completion rule for Written Communication, Oral Communication and Quantitative Literacy requirements for a period of three semesters while the official policy gets re-written and added to the catalog (62% voted to not enforce the rule). Luis asked what the item was regarding SB 72. They made several statements in support of retaining MSU Denver's modified open enrollment that were approved by faculty senate (96%). It was recommended they forward it to Dr. Jordan, Loretta Martinez and Cathy Lucas. Since the bill was tabled or held, no one has read it to the JBC.

George Middlemist- Thursday there is a hearing as we applied for enterprise zones for the HLC, etc. If granted, donations to those projects would receive a tax credit. This is huge in the accounting world. It includes personal and corporate donations. There is a cap of \$3M in donations per project. This is a great thank you for gifts. This is for donations made this year.

James Lyall – Web time entry is being kicked off. No more time sheets.

Joan McDermott – received a gift of \$60K. Athletics is also working on a gift to include naming rights to the building. It will open next week. The weight room is cool according to Steve Kreidler, with MSU Denver branded weights. There is also a multi-purpose room that will be open to meetings. Vicki Golich thanked Joan for all she has done at MSU Denver.

Liz Hinde- SoE went through accreditation, they loved us. They want to collect some data, and do some messaging about a program. The state team was very professional.

Sandra Haynes – the hotel was named Property of the Year for Sage Hospitality which makes it the highest performing one in their portfolio. OWOW has received a \$2000 donation and a \$25K scholarship. They will also host a climate change and health symposium with the French government in June. Four students were accepted for presentation at the National Council for Undergraduate Research in April.

Cabinet adjourned at 10:58 a.m.