

PRESIDENT'S CABINET MEETING

Agenda

Monday, Jan. 15, 2018

9-10:30 a.m., SSB 400

- I. Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program update – David Fine, general counsel
 - a. No legislative deal, discussions are ongoing between president and democrats. Court in California entered a nationwide injunction to order the U.S. to essentially treat DACA as it was before it was rescinded. USCIS will start accepting renewal applications; anyone who needs to renew their status should apply. MSU Denver is looking at what we can do to help; University of Colorado law school is running a clinic to help with applications in Boulder. We might be able to bring lawyers to campus to help; stay tuned for announcements. More formal news to follow as soon as it is available. Task force has held preliminary meetings, will hold regular meetings as soon as school starts.
- II. President's Advisory Councils update
 - a. Strategy – Matt Makley, Ph.D., Faculty Senate president, and Anthony Grant, Ph.D., director of Athletics
 - i. Draft charter and timeline distributed. Will be inclusive; strategy council also needs to reach out to the broader external community (alumni, Downtown Denver Partnership, Chambers of Commerce, etc.), currently compiling list for steering committee and hope to have in place and meeting by Feb. 16, meet with broader council by Feb. 28, share results by the end of the semester. Making suggestions based on research and analysis.
 - ii. What is Denver going to look like? How can we as an institution work with the Denver community to move the conversation forward? Spending first semester on the questions. Demographics, housing, transportation. How is our environment changing and shifting, and what does it mean for our ability to operate?
 - b. Academic Excellence and Student Success – Jeff Loats, Ph.D., director of the Center for Faculty Excellence, and Angela Marquez, Ph.D., associate to the president for HSI
 - i. How should the academic departments be realigned to better level the loads and best reflect and market our mission? Inform stakeholders of the problems. Forty people have expressed interest in joining the council. Three-week cycle for the coming months. Kickoff meeting Jan. 25. Major task of this council will be to simply get folks to understand what the issues are. People asking questions of identity “where do I

- belong” and are trying to be first contact. In the process of selecting steering committee.
- c. Culture and the Workplace – Layton Curl, Ph.D., president of the Council of Chairs, and Josh Mackey, Ed.D., director of Human Resources
 - i. Steering committee to meet Feb. 2. Full advisory council is open to anyone who wants to attend; Feb. 8. Taking broad stroke problems, prioritizing, taking inventory of what’s going on currently as to not duplicate efforts. Status quo on awards for now (Distinguished Service Awards at Spring BBQ). What is initial low-hanging fruit?
 - d. Built Environment and Infrastructure – Liz Hinde, Ph.D., dean of School of Education, and Tina Wells, director of facilities planning and space management
 - i. Thread that runs through all the other issues; how do the two campuses align and advance the University’s mission, vision and values, and priorities? First, focus on academic priorities and how the built environment is supporting and advancing them. Looking holistically. Unique and complex relationships between the three universities and AHEC, auditing our existing facilities, assessing funding, new builds, operating, maintaining. Launching survey, forums, workshops for the larger community to get involved; kicking off in February. Define the problem and present what core courses of action are to cabinet and leadership by June.
 - e. University Policy – Nick Stancil, deputy general counsel, and Sheila Rucki, Ph.D., associate professor of political science
 - i. First challenge is to think about philosophy that guides policy. How to evaluate existing policy? Committee functioning as a policy review board in one year. Nine volunteers for the committee, will do outreach to build.
 - f. Fiscal Responsibility – Rey Hernandez, Ph.D., professor of economics, and Dino Hernandez, vice president of Advancement
 - i. Develop recommendations for a 5-year budget plan
 - ii. Inform the efforts of the Budget Task Force
 - iii. Make recommendations for new funding models to adapt to – or get ahead of – the downward trajectory in public funding
- III. President’s update – Janine Davidson, Ph.D.
- a. Focus on what we mean, mean what we say, when we say inclusive leadership. Councils are focused on universitywide issues; do not replace governing groups. What are the mechanisms, structures, processes to bring as many voices to the table as possible?
 - b. Budget season
 - c. Met with Joint Budget Committee, remarks are online <https://msudenver.edu/media/marketingandcommunications/earlybird/documents/Joint%20Budget%20Committee%20Remarks.pdf>. We are the lowest funded institution in Colorado, and Colorado is at the bottom nationally. Literally, a race to the bottom. It’s important to be honest all-around about our financial situation, what we can and cannot do. MSU

Denver is the epicenter of where Colorado can move the needle; invest in where Coloradans are being educated. MSU Denver Champions as a tool for contacting the legislature.

IV. Round robin – all

- a. Josh Gardener, president, Student Government Assembly – no update
- b. Josh Mackey, Ed.D., – first paycheck in January will include new benefits deductions; reminder to check, no W4's yet, getting ready to kick off annual evaluation season.
- c. Anthony Grant, Ph.D., – Athletics record GPA, 89 athletes on academic honor roll. Fundraising, working on a proposal for a seven-figure gift. Initial ask will look at programmatic issues, then look at scholarships. Men's and women's basketball swept the weekend, will be home for the next two to three weeks. Jan. 23 is faculty/staff day, playing UCCS at home. Announced Roadrunners All Access streaming app a couple of weeks ago to watch games online.
- d. Vicki Golich, Ph.D., provost – 5-year budget planning is exciting. ASA and ITS are deep in trying to negotiate down their requests for the BTF. Enrollment is optimistically flat. Roadways; program focused on student affairs to organize and move through the student life cycle.
- e. Kevin Taylor, CIO/AVP for Information Technology Services – Rolled out new phone system, a-z directory has new phone numbers. Jan. 28 is Data Privacy Day, personal information should be treated as if it's money.
- f. Steve Kreidler, vice president, Administration and Finance – Budget Task Force will begin spring process Jan. 26. Right now what we know is what governor has proposed. We typically know in late March/early April what the higher ed priorities will be. Will be taking a refinancing proposal for the HTE and hotel to the BOT.
- g. Matt Makley, Ph.D., president of Faculty Senate – haven't met since the end of fall semester. Honors program is trying to update their curriculum and partner with academic departments. Reached an agreement that was put into place in the fall, hope to have curriculum proposals vetted and passed along to provost's office mid-spring semester. Front line of student retention is the classroom, faculty can do little things every day to encourage their students to commit, retain, encourage their friends to enroll.
- h. Evan Bowles, president, Council of Administrators – no update
- i. David Fine, general counsel – updates given throughout meeting
- j. Myron Anderson, Ph.D., associate to the president for diversity – MLK Peace Breakfast was a success; thanks to Vicki, thanks to Cookie Hetzel of the Theatre Department, Dr. Grant for brokering the food with Biscuits and Berries. Gloria Tanner, Alumni Achievement Award, first female African-American senator. Ombuds search taking place, final candidates coming to campus for open forums, feedback due this Friday
- k. Cathy Lucas, chief of staff/VP of strategy – thanks to Tiffany Snell, university events and protocol manager for cabinet audio. Front-page story in December on Dr. Davidson, Fox national news ran a story on pilot shortage, Denver Business Journal front-page story last Friday on teacher shortage. Feb. 23 inclusive leadership summit. Digital ads launching today, overall ad

campaign launching next week (presenting campaign at February cabinet meeting). Investiture and annual gala to welcome Dr. Davidson to the Colorado community, internal planning committee.

- l. Dino Hernandez – 90-day anniversary. Ended the calendar year \$1million ahead in new revenue. Roadrunner Development Report profiled impactful gifts over the last two years; two endowed scholarships as a result. The more we ask, the more we receive; Wells Fargo has committed \$25,000 as presenting sponsor for investiture.
- m. Layton Curl, Ph.D. – Council of Chairs meeting, Marketing is doing outreach.
- n. Metza Templeton, president, Classified Staff Council – thanks to council on culture and workplace for reaching out