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President’s Cabinet Minutes

November 18, 2020

10:00-11:30am

1. **Approval of October 21, 2020 Minutes**
2. **President’s Update (10:00-10:15)- Dr. Janine Davidson**

* Dr. Davidson updates the Cabinet on the Provost search that has been narrowed down to four candidates.
* President’s Team Award- Dr. Davidson Honors the RISE team.
* Updates on COVID-19.
* Updates on plans for the Auraria Campus for the Spring 2021 Semester.
* Dr. Davidson respectfully asks everyone to consider their Thanksgiving plans in relation to the spike in new COVID-19 cases.
* Dr. Davidson emphasizes self-care and mental health awareness in this difficult time.

1. **President’s Advisory Council Update (10:15-10:35)-** Culture and Workplace, John Kietzmann, associate director of Athletics for marketing and promotions / external relations, William Carnes, professor, Department of Management

* Updates from Health Center and HR on Mental health.
* Updates from Staff Senate on Mental Health and encouraging time off.
* What’s next- Campus Climate survey, Engagement and leadership surveys, Additional surveys.
* Highlights current work “still on radar” which includes:
  + Professional & Leadership Development
  + Award and Recognitions
  + Onboarding
  + Making Meaningful Connections

1. **Round Robin (10:35-Adjournment)**
   1. Larry Sampler, vice president for Administration and Finance, chief operating officer- COVID updates, Hanover Report.
   2. Michael Benitez, vice president, Diversity and Inclusion- Presidential Lecture Series, DEIC / DSP, MLK event, HEDS results

* Mentions Marc Lamont Hill as upcoming guest in Presidential lecture series.
  1. Andrew Bonham, chair, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry- NSTR
  2. Cathy Lucas, vice president of Strategy and External Affairs- Strategic Plan, Marchmester campaign planning, core values
* Mentions schedules for Virtual Commencement ceremonies to be held on December 11th.
* Livestream of Commencement will be posted on commencement page.
* 100,000th graduate from MSU Denver will graduate in Fall and be recognized during ceremony.
* Speaker for Commencement events will be Roger Ferguson, CEO of TIAA.
  1. David Fine, General Counsel- EO 13950 combating race and sexual stereotyping
* Keys dates to remember in regard to EO 13950 are:
  + November 21st 2020 (takes effect)
  + January 21st 2021 (likely to be rescinded)
  1. Christine Marquez-Hudson, vice president and executive director, University Advancement and MSU Denver Foundation- Fundraising update
* Mentions feasibility study for strategic plan.
* Plans to improve database, software and processing development
  1. Liz Hinde, dean, School of Education- NSTR
  2. Braeden Weart, president, Student Government Assembly- SGA Updates
  3. Katia Campbell, president, Faculty Senate- Faculty Senate updates
* Gave a shout out to two committees for their hard work:
  + Faculty Welfare committee
  + Academic policy committee

* 1. Bill Henry, interim provost and executive vice president of Academic Affairs- Deans searches
* Mentions 8-week courses to be offered in second half of spring semester.
  1. Rebecca Reid, president, Staff Senate- Staff Senate updates
* Policy Review Committee working on alternative work arrangements policy.
  1. Todd Thurman, director of Athletics- COVID, scrimmages, RMAC competition, community engagement
  2. Stacy Dvergsdal, associate vice president of Human Resources- Open enrollment, voluntary retirement, Provost and Dean searches, Recruitment and Appointment policy, payroll system decision memo, student and hourly minimum wage, SB20-205 policy
* Gave a shout out to HR Team making sure everyone has transcripts
  1. Kevin Taylor, Chief information officer and associate vice president for Information Technology Services- NSTR
  2. Will Simpkins, vice president of Student Affairs – RISE Fund and enrollment updates
* Mentions upcoming hires.
* MSU Denver now on Common App.