



## President's Cabinet Minutes

October 21, 2020

10:00-11:30am

### I. Approval of September 16th, 2020 Minutes

### II. President's Update (10:00-10:27)- Dr. Janine Davidson

- President Updates on COVID-19, quelling rumors.
- Speaks to Resurgence in cases in the Denver area
- Younger people driving increase in cases
- Racial disparities in cases rising. Hospitalizations and fatalities are down.
- Only 10% of classes are on campus at MSU Denver for the Fall Semester
- Speaks to the different protocols passed at city and state level.
- Reminders to wear a mask, social distance and use your judgement.
- Spring Semester plans. No mandate to come back to campus in Spring.
- Auraria is having financial trouble. Mostly from debt on buildings.
- Auraria's financial issues are not driving Spring Semester Plans
- As of now 14% of classes scheduled to be on campus for Spring Semester.
- Plan to increase on campus learning without forcing anyone to come back.
- Online events are booming
- Speaks to Voter events on campus
- Mentions H.R. McMaster speaker event series on October 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Recognizes the Roadrunners of the Week
- Recognizes the winners of the President's team award
- Closes out Update with video "Roadrunners Rise"

### III. President's Advisory Council on Academic Excellence and Student Success

(10:27-10:44) - Kristy Lyons, associate professor, Department of Psychological Sciences, and Sean Petranovich, lead data scientist, Business Intelligence Unit

Kristy Lyons: Provides updates on status of plans for the Spring Semester.

Sean Petranovich: Provides module guides of Spring Semester plans, and benchmarks for plans.

- IV. Homecoming Week and Advancement report out (10:44-10:59)-** Jamie Hurst, associate vice president, Strategic Engagement, Brandi Rideout, director, Alumni Relations, Cora Potter, manager, University Events and Protocol, Christine Marquez-Hudson, vice president and executive director, University Advancement and MSU Denver Foundation

Jamie Hurst: Speaks to the success of Homecoming week.

Brandi Rideout: Speaks to specifics of the pivot and transition to virtual homecoming.

Jamie Hurst: Plans to continue using Roadrunners Rise. Speaks to the events of homecoming week.

Brandi Rideout: Provides data from the Homecoming events and speaks on Alumni Awards.

Jamie Hurst: Speaks to Social Sharing data, digital data and volunteer data.

Jamie/Brandi: Appreciation to the Homecoming Committee for their hard work.

- V. Graduate Program Advocacy (10:59-11:05)-** Liz Hinde, dean, School of Education  
Liz Hinde: Speaks to the growth and integration of the Graduate programs.

**VI. Round Robin (11:05-11:35)**

- A. Michael Benitez, vice president, Diversity and Inclusion- Higher Education Diversity Summit, HSI / MSI grant, Castro, MKL Peace event

Michael: speaks to success of programs funded by HSI / MSI grants. An upcoming event in the department is, the Higher Education Diversity Summit. Speakers and workshops related to the summit is mentioned. Other events mentioned include: Latinx graduation, Success of the Castro event, MLK Peace Event and keynote speaker.

- B. Andrew Bonham, chair, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry- NSTR

Gregory Clifton (in for Andrew): Reports provost search is going well.

- C. Cathy Lucas, vice president of Strategy and External Affairs- Strategic Plan updates, roadrunner shoutout

Cathy: Draft of Vision Statement being worked out. Committee members assigned pillars of vision statement. Fall advertising plan running from October 19<sup>th</sup> to December 11<sup>th</sup>. Also mentioned--institutional branding messages.

Cora Potter: Gives updates for 2020 Commencement plans.

- D. David Fine, General Counsel- NSTR

- E. Christine Marquez-Hudson, vice president and executive director, University Advancement and MSU Denver Foundation- NSTR

Christine: Gives quick updates on fundraising.

- F. Liz Hinde, dean, School of Education- NSTR

- G. Braeden Weart, president, Student Government Assembly- SGA updates

Braeden: Gives SGA updates, which included a Town Hall taking place on October 27<sup>th</sup>. Also mentioned--graduate level representation in SGA, and regular SGA cafes to be held to interact with students.

- H. Katia Campbell, president, Faculty Senate- resolutions on Liberal Arts and Election Day

Katia: Speaks to the specifics of Liberal Arts resolution/election day resolution.

- I. Bill Henry, interim provost and executive vice president of Academic Affairs- Spring 2021 schedule and Faculty Employment Handbook

Bill: Asks that lists for 8-week courses (second half of Fall) be submitted by October 30<sup>th</sup>. Updates on changes to Faculty Employee Handbook.

- J. Larry Sampler, vice president for Administration and Finance, chief operating officer- Admin Branch updates

- K. Rebecca Reid, president, Staff Senate- (Maggie Thulson, vice president) Taking Care of You Campaign and general senate updates

Maggie Thulson (in for Rebecca Reid): Updates on Care of You campaign.

- L. Will Simpkins, vice president of Student Affairs – enrollment updates, ACPD Advisory Board

Will: Spring priority registration opens October 26<sup>th</sup>. MSU's application to Governor's Rise fund has been submitted.

- M. Todd Thurman, director of Athletics- COVID testing in Athletics, community engagement, social justice task force, Denver Health orders

Todd: Talks about the Precious Child Program that helps under privileged kids acquire hygiene products.

- N. Stacy Dvergsdal, associate vice president of Human Resources- Open enrollment, classified staff furlough announcement, Years of Service, HLC visit, Provost, Dean and COS searches, referral program incentive plan, sick leave policy for student and hourly staff, student hourly rates

Stacy: Provides updates on annual compensation letters. Speaks to open enrollment that runs from November 2<sup>nd</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>. Four big searches going well. Years of Service will be held virtually on November 11<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM.

- O. Kevin Taylor, chief information officer and associate vice president for Information Technology Services- Cybersecurity updates and Cyber Security Awareness month

Kevin: Reminders to stay safe when working remotely.