



President's Cabinet Minutes

May 26, 2021

10:00-11:30am

I. **Approval of April 21, 2021 Minutes**

II. **President's Update (10:00-10:15)- Dr. Janine Davidson**

- Emphasis on the importance of taking time this summer to recharge
- Graduation-Congratulations to all of the graduates, 2,205 students graduated this semester
- Return to Campus – The planned date for Return to Campus is July 6th
- COVID-19/Vaccines- The ability to come back hinges on the ability to get people vaccinated (students, staff etc.)
 - Preliminary surveys show 90% of staff are vaccinated, approx. 60% of MSU Denver students are vaccinated
 - Entering an era of personal responsibility on vaccinations
 - Protocols for vaccine exemptions will come out on Tuesday for students
 - Governor offering five different million-dollar cash prize drawings for those who have received at least one shot of the COVID-19 vaccine.
- RTD Pass
 - Agreement reached with RTD leadership to make RTD passes a benefit for Fall 2021 semester for Professional MSU Denver faculty and staff
 - RTD pass will be available July 1st.
- Colorado State budget for IHE's approved on May 17th
 - Larger base funding, more funding for IT, allows MSU Denver to hold tuition flat
 - Auraria's IHE's received second year funding for shared buildings

III. **University Material Lending Policy (10:15-10:30)- Dr. George Middlemist, associate vice president for Administration, Dr. Shaun Schafer, associate vice president of Curriculum and Policy Development, Dr. Sheila Rucki, professor, Political Science, and Nick Stancil, Deputy General Counsel**

- Adjustment of punitive part of policy-particularly that there would be court action against students who did not return borrowed materials back to the University
- Vote taken on the updated policy of University Material Lending Policy

- No opposition to the policy among the cabinet

IV. **President's Advisory Council Update (10:30-10:45)**

Built Environment and Infrastructure, Amy Kern, professor, Industrial Design, and Dr. Jenó Balogh, professor, Environmental Engineering

- Safety is the greatest barrier for those wanting to spend more time on campus, particularly at night
- Concept of CPTED (Crime Prevention through Environmental Design) emerged as a solution to some of the safety issues
- Data and Research:
 - The more activity we have on campus, the more safety prevails
 - Higher education pipeline-CPTED principles: Clear sightlines (greater visibility), glazing (observational control), obvious access and egress, wayfinding (know where you're going), territorial reinforcement, landscaping and signage at the thresholds.
- Lighted Corridor pipeline envisioned to promote safety, environmental sustainability and to function as a place to inspire.
- Ideas to revamp the Tivoli Quad area for events and recreation under consideration
- Weekly events with Westword and Events Apps.
- Consideration of extended shuttle service to bring more people to campus from different areas of Denver
- Request for feedback from the Auraria Campus

V. **Round Robin (10:45-11:30)**

- Edward Brown, Chief of Staff- NSTR
- Michael Benitez, vice president, Diversity and Inclusion- DEIC Diversity Strategic Plan update
 - Diversity Equity and Inclusion Council working on two projects:
 1. The Diversity Strategic Plan
 2. Campus Climate survey.
 - Desire to reach out to staff that may not have been able to respond with feedback due to work from home and other issues
 - First draft of Diversity Strategic Plan is almost complete.
- Andrew Bonham, chair, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry- NSTR
- Eric Mason, interim vice president of Strategy and External Affairs (Whei Wong-Howerton, associate vice president of Marketing and Brand)- Update on WordPress content management system, TEDx
 - Training pilot partners on development of new MSU Denver website.
 - Students to provide feedback on their sentiments regarding the current MSU Denver website.

- Tedx returns in September, deadline to be extended for submissions.
- David Fine, General Counsel- NSTR
- Christine Marquez-Hudson, (Katie in for Christine) vice president and executive director, University Advancement and MSU Denver Foundation- Fundraising and campaign update
 - Currently at \$5.3-5.5 million fundraising goal with a month left to go
 - Hoping to hit \$6-6.2 million at the end of the period
 - To work on campaign stories and branding over the summer
 - Plan to pick handful of students to follow over student carrier
- Liz Hinde, dean, School of Education- NSTR
- Braeden Weart, president, Student Government Assembly- NSTR
- Katia Campbell, president, Faculty Senate- BIPOC Safer Spaces resolution
 - BIPOC SPR passed the Faculty Senate by a vote of 57-47
 - Faculty Senate supports spirit of resolution and supports the need to address systemic racism across campus
 - Most points of contention over relationships with campus partners ---- Faculty don't want to cut ties, instead push for dialogue/discussion
 - Executive of each Committee will look for ways to address different aspects of the resolution to different groups that are impacted
 - Staff Senate working on their own response to the SPR re. items they can take action on, items the student community can take action on
- Alfred Tatum, provost and executive vice president of Academic Affairs- NSTR
 - Office of the Provost rethinking Graduate Studies on campus. Meeting with Graduate directors.
 - Appointment of new AVP by July 1st.
 - New Dean of CLAS, Dean John Masserini will be here July 1st
 - Rethinking of Campus Compensation structure, more to come soon
- Larry Sampler, vice president for Administration and Finance, chief operating officer- Admin Branch updates
- Rebecca Reid, president, Staff Senate- Alternative Work Arrangements Policy, elections

- Candidates for Staff Senate have until May 31st to accept/decline nominations
 - Voting will be take place June 7th - June 21st
 - Announcement of new Senate members will take place June 29th.
 - July 1st new Senate will convene. Will have an onboarding process begin.
 - Alternative work arrangements policy approved by Staff Senate.
 - Next step for AWA policy is to go to university Policy Advisory Council. (UPAC)
- Will Simpkins, vice president of Student Affairs- Enrollment updates, Met Media
 - Summer undergraduate FTE enrollment is 13.9% down
 - Summer graduate enrollment is up 11%
 - Fall enrollment undergraduate enrollment is down 14% percent
 - Fall Graduate enrollment is up 14%
 - Overtime approved for transfer evaluators.
 - New enrollment calendar developed
 - Students voted to abolish student government, replaced with student - advocacy coalition
 - Changes in student media, MET media moving under the umbrella of the Center of Multicultural Engagement and Inclusion.
 - Adjunct professor of journalism Alfonzo Porter stepping in as interim lead for MET media.
- Todd Thurman, director of Athletics- Athletics update
 - Less than a half percent positive COVID-19 test rate for MSU Denver athletes this year.
 - MSU Denver hosting NCAA Softball championships
 - Camps starting this Summer for athletics.
 - A lot of community organization involvement by MSU Denver athletes this year
- Stacy Dvergsdal, associate vice president of Human Resources- Sr. Human Resources Partner positions, Roadrunners Who Soar and Distinguished Service Awards, administrative employee evaluation, staff alternative work arrangements update.
 - HR partner positions have been posted
 - Roadrunners who soar and distinguished service awards nominations are open.
 - Administrative employee evaluations are available. They are due to HR by June 30th.
 - LND team is facilitating sessions to set the relationship foundation for evaluation conversations.

- Kevin Taylor, chief information officer and associate vice president for Information Technology Services- In-person technology support for return to campus
 - Return to campus plans being implemented throughout June and July
 - A schedule has been posted for when in-person help will be available over the summer in June and July.