

President’s Cabinet Minutes

January 23, 2025

11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

**HIGH LEVEL SUMMARY ITEMS**

* Dr. Matt Makley is the new Interim Provost and Dr. Julie Clockston is the new Office of the President Faculty Fellow
* The Roadrunners Rise Campaign is going into full effect and is a launch party on February 19. The goal is to raise $100 million.
* MSU Denver is planning to turn the unused pool area in the event center into an event space which is set to be completed by 2027.
* Staff Senate is hosting a mental health event on February 19th with more details to come.

# Action Items (NEW)

# Public feedback for 01/23 President’s Cabinet cab be submitted through this [Qualtrics link](https://msudenver.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_e8rCZLTULA8hnZs).

# Submissions are confidential unless stated otherwise

# Deadline to submit feedback is (1/30)

# Approval of minutes

# From [November 21, 2024](https://www.msudenver.edu/university-events/president/cabinet/meetings/)

1. **Roadrunner Shoutout Awards** –Janine Davidson., President
   * Faculty winner - Jeremiah Castle, Associate Professor of Political Science
   * Staff winner – Walter Ware III, 3D Studio Manager
   * Student winners – Alyssa Simpson
2. **President’s Update –** Janine Davidson, President
   * Matt Makley has assumed the role of Interim Provost.
   * The University is focusing on efficiency and priorities regarding their budget this year since Colorado is looking to lose about $1 billion dollars of funding this year.
   * Adam Graves, Professor of Philosophy, has been nominated for an Oscar for Anuja.

# Strategy Update - Meredith Jeffers, Director of University Strategy

# Strategy wants to continue their work from last fall, which is implementing their strategic goals into the University and utilizing Objectives and Key Results (OKR) methodology.

# Strategy completed 69% of their fall 2024 targets and goals, which means they are on track for this school year.

# Advancement Campaign and 60th Anniversary Update – Christine Marquez Hudson, VP of University Advancement & Executive Director of the MSU Denver Foundation

# The University is implementing their first ever comprehensive campaign “Roadrunners Rise”. The campaign's goal is to raise funds for strategy, other programs, and to just raise funding overall.

# The goal is to exceed $100 million in fundraising by June 2026. They are currently at $76.5 million.

# Roadrunners Rise Launch Party is on February 19 at the Auraria Event Center.

# Infrastructure Updates (Martha)

# MSU Denver is restructuring the unused pool area in the event center to have a 500-seat, multipurpose event space.

# Completion is expected to be early 2027 and this restructuring plan will be presented to the board on January 30.

# There is also reconstruction taking place in the Plaza.

# Shared Governance Updates (12:10 PM -12:20 PM)

# TSAC

# TSAC is hosting a lot of events for students soon with more details to come.

# Staff Senate

# There is a mental health event taking place on February 19

# Council of Chairs

# Next council meeting is on February 5

# Faculty Senate

# Faculty Senate is putting emphasis on tenure and promotion reviews, academic policies, and collaboration with interim leadership.

# Key Updates (12:20-12:30)

# The Office of the President’s new Faculty Fellow is Dr. Julie M. Clockston.

# Larry Sampler gave an appreciation to the team working on reconstruction. Also a new policy may come into effect regarding small space heaters in the buildings, due to a fire with a space heater recently.

# Dr. Masserini said MSU Denver has secured $50,000 funding for a historic mural on the Kalamath building. Artists have been selected, and they are currently meeting with community members on ideas for the mural. The plan is to hold a celebratory event to unveil the mural in August.

# James Mejia announced there will be a La Rasa Report event on January 29 at 1 p.m. in the Cavea.