

University Advisory Council

September 13, 2012

CH 319 – 3:00 PM

Notes

(Meeting called to order at 3:00 by Dr. Rosalyn Templeton)

1. Policy

A. 502.3 Retired Faculty

- Norton Pease made motion to approve; Pete Everingham seconded
- Motion passed.

2. Points of Pride

- Hanging banners
- Enrollment is up.
- SUB Renovation/Food Service
- Resident Hall occupancy is up considerably from last year (228).
- Chancellor's Lecture Series – Leslie Nielsen
- Community Orchestra started this week. Also, several students were able to add this course with no extra cost.
- We have a VA/Disability Coordinator - VET friendly campus

3. Enrollment

- Enrollment is up but do not have final numbers yet.

4. Foundation/University Development

- Discussed New Governance/Communication Structure, in that there have been updates from the old to the new system.
- Discussed reasons for changes – more input needed from other parts of campus, needed Chancellor's Council (21 members), shared governance with different perspectives and every part of campus will have a voice.
- Please email questions/thoughts to Dr. Limbaugh
- The second part is the Academic Council, which used to be the Provost Council.
- Question was asked: Will the minutes from both be available on the WEB – Yes.
- The new bleachers have been installed in the gym.
- Extended University is getting ready to move to Cowan Hall 110 – walls were painted.

5. **Economic Development**

- Chancellor Limbaugh was appointed by Dr. Cruzado to the Workforce Development Council, and is attending a meeting in Miles City.
- Miles City Community College and MSU-Northern are creating a partnership to benefit both campuses in regards to the oil fields, as well as discuss legislative agendas.
- Dean Kegel and Tony Priete are also in attendance in Miles City.

6. **Area Reports**

A. **Academic Affairs**

- Working on Programming and developing a streamlined method
- Templates for syllabi – standards with education
- End goal is to make MSUN better for the students
- Some programs are overloaded and some are undersubscribed
- Experimenting with combining some courses together (CIS/DRAFTING)

B. **Student Services – N/A**

C. **Student Senate**

- Working on reviving Northern Fight Song and Alma Mater
- BOR next week
- Students will have a voice on search committees
- Will attend Academic Council and be part of facilities planning

D. **Fiscal Affairs**

- Sending out 1.18 million in student refund checks that is left over for Financial Aid after all charges are complete (first round).
- Budget Advisory Committee will start this fall. The committee will focus on tuition reserve, special funds and more.
 - Bookstore
 - The Bookstore has lots of new product that is selling FAST!
 - They have a new hot press machine which will allow personalization to target every degree area.
 - They have tried book rentals for the first time, which offers another option for students.
 - Please bring your Faculty/Staff ID in to get 10% off anything with MSU-Northern logo.

E. **Foundation/Alumni** – Representative could not be at meeting.

F. **Website**

- First Phase (1 out of 6) is going LIVE this weekend and will be ready for Monday, 9/18/12.
- There are 2200 pages on our website. Of that, 880 pages are workable where 90% of the people will look for information.
- The Second Phase will include perfecting the other areas – January deadline
- The Third Phase - golightsgo and goskylights.com
- Discussed the differences between the government page and .coms/CMS
- Give Marianne Hoppe a big THANK YOU for all her work on getting the web page ready.

G. Multicultural

- September 15 through October 15 is Hispanic Heritage Month
- September 26 – film
- September 28 – American Indian Heritage Day – Teepee Ceremony on campus

H. Library

- Discussed LIB Guides
- Displays for Constitution Day and American Indian Heritage Day

I. Extended University

- 47% of our students take at least one online class
- 5 degrees online
- There were increases in headcount (+ 10) and FTE (+5) for the summer.

J. Advising

- Last day to add classes
- Articulation Agreements

K. Admissions

- Lots of travel through November
- COTS with Great Falls students
- Possible recruitment with CEASN
- Ambassadors have been a great help

L. Financial Aid

- Constitution Day presentation
- Refunds going out – working on a grant that teaches students that the money has to be paid back
- Reports – Fiscal Operations Report and Program Participation Agreement
- Limited work study this semester

7. Announcements

A. Next Meeting – October 11th at 3:00

8. Other

- There was a general question as to why the faculty and staff do not hear more updated numbers on enrollment – why is it not announced more and where are we on enrollment?

Meeting was adjourned at 3:55 PM