

## University Advisory Council

April 10, 2014

CH 317 – 3:00 PM

**Present:** James Limbaugh, Debbie Ritz, Bill Rugg; Pete Everingham, Jane Stuart, Vicki Gist, Jamie McBryan, Brian Simonson, Kim Watson, Kristi Shettel, Arlys Williams, Chris Wendland; Carol Reifschneider; Greg Kegel; Norton Pease; Cindy Small; Denise Brewer; Becky Toth;

At this meeting the Chancellor announced this would be the last UAC meeting. He feels there is a better shared governance format that would make better use of everyone's time. He would like to take advantage of the expertise of each member and doesn't feel the current UAC model is achieving that. He asks each member for their input if they have an idea for a better model. The Chancellor will also be looking at other institutions and various models of shared governance throughout the summer. The new shared governance structure will be revealed in the Fall.

**Policies:** Four policies were brought for review on behalf of the 1MSU Enterprise Policy Project. The purpose of the group is to look at all policies across the four MSU campuses and unify as many as possible those that apply to all institutions. Those discussed at this meeting were:

- a. Public Participation
- b. Open meeting policy
- c. President/Chancellor/CEO transition Audit policy
- d. Stay-at-Work/Return-To-Work Policy

Discussion took place.

807.1 Payment or Expense Reimbursement for University Employees by Affiliated Organizations. This draft policy was brought forward by Brian and background given. Discussion took place and policy will be placed on the website.

BOR policy 325 International Travel this policy is a new policy adopted by Board of Regents and it is suggested that each campus adopt such a policy. Discussion took place and policy will be placed on the website.

Tobacco free campus – The students at MSUN have approved a tobacco free campus. Denise reported that all of the other four year campuses in the university system have gone tobacco free. The next step on campus is to have campus-wide meetings and discussion on this in the Fall.

### Updates:

Thursday, April 17 – Student Excellence Luncheon held at Ballroom at 11:30. Cost is \$10.00 per person.

Tuesday, April 22 – Retirement Reception for the nine people retiring this year held in Ballroom at 3:30.

Tuesday, April 22 – Campus Clean Up held on campus 1:00-4:00.

Thursday, April 24 – TekNoXpo, held on campus all day.

Friday, May 2 – Nurses' Pinning Ceremony held at 5th Ave Christian Church at 2:00.

Friday, May 2, Museum opening reception held at Museum in the Library at 4:00.

Friday, May 2, Founder's Excellence Dinner and Hall of Fame, held in Ballroom beginning at 6:00.

Saturday, May 3, Commencement held in Gym at 10:00 a.m. Our Commencement Speaker will be Denise Juneau, Superintendent of Public Instruction. We will also be granting an Honorary Doctorate to Mr. Gilbert M. Horn, only the second one in the history of the institution to be given.

Sunday, May 4, Lewistown Nurses' Pinning Ceremony held at Fergus Center for Performing Arts 2:00.

Chancellor reported that he and Greg Kegel are working on the Capital campaign. They have been visiting with possible donors for the new building.

May Board of Regents meeting will be held on the MSUN campus May 22 & 23.

Searches – A number of new faculty have been hired for the Fall and there are still some searches open at this time with plans to bring candidates in for interviews soon.

Student Ambassadors – Kim reported that students have gone through an interview process consisting of formal interviews and group interview process. She is very happy with the students that have been hired to serve as Student Ambassadors and/or Resident Assistants for next year.

Summer Projects – Brian reported there are a number of projects identified for the summer such as campus beautification; campus signage; new sidewalks and curbs; work in welding lab on ventilation system, bookstore, SUB entryways, ballroom lighting and dorm security upgrades.

Safety First grants – Brian reported that there are funds available through this grant, please submit your requests to Brian.

Classroom Lab upgrades – Brian reported student fees are available for classroom updates and he would welcome faculty input. Please pass on to your faculty and let them know that input is needed.

**Meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM**

**Debbie Ritz**