

University Advisory Council
December 1, 2016

Attendees: Brian Simonson, Rachel Dean, Jim Potter, Tammy Boles, Becky Toth, Sue Solomon, Sherry Kegel, Kristi Peterson, Vicki Gist, Jim Bennett, Ligia Arango, Christian Oberquell, Kelsey Harding, Alisha Schroeder, Paul Techo, Chris Wendland, Jamie Underwood, Debra Bradley, Tracey Jette, Carol Reifschneider, Norton Pease, Bill Rugg, Mark Seiffert, Jen Henderson, Greg Kegel

Policy Review

The Chancellor reminded the council that each policy is being reviewed in depth by the party assigned to each policy. This is to ensure it is relevant to the campus today. If we do not change these policies, they are still on the books and we are to adhere to them.

Procedures are being separated from policy and will be hyperlinked within the policy to which it pertains. They will be available separately on the Policies & Procedures section of the website.

501.1 – Class and Course assignments

Tracey moved to approve, Norton second. All in favor.

1002.1 – Campus Appearances of Political Candidates

Discussion regarding contentious issues that can arise when a candidate is running for office. Less so for a sitting government official. Must be very conscientious so as not to appear to endorse. Some discussion on campaign rally requests – if that were to come up, legal counsel would be consulted.

Debra moved to approve, Tracey second. All in favor.

1022 – Public Participation Policy

Mark moved to approve, second by Norton. All in favor.

Round Table/Announcements

Chancellor gave an overview of the Town Hall meeting that was held by the students to discuss a MAS resolution requesting endorsement. ASMSUN requested input from the student body before voting on the resolution. Opened the floor to comments, some of which were contentious. Chancellor attended, but did not actively participate. ASMSUN did a good job and the SUB was full. A ballot vote resulted in a majority voting not to support the resolution. The resolution was not an indicator of support or lack of support for the pipeline project.

The Senate meeting agenda included the Hello Walk as an item of business. MSUN has a long history of painting the walk prior to Homecoming, which is highly supported by the Chancellor. This year

“#NODAPL” was painted on the front of a stair. Miscommunication led to the belief that the tag was added later, and not through the sanctioned event. No guidelines for the walk have ever been formally developed; concern now that allowing activist content could escalate. Should have determined who put it there before taking action. The Chancellor is seeking counsel before making a decision on how to proceed. Sweetgrass is requesting equal treatment: Chai Alpha has a Bible reference on the steps, and if #NODAPL is taken down then the verse should be as well. A formal apology has been provided by ASMSUN. The crowd was loud during the meeting, and a gentleman began saying some very inflammatory remarks. He refused to leave when asked; the police escorted him out of the building. The meeting was adjourned before the Hello Walk issue was resolved due to the crowd’s agitation. The Chancellor stayed for a few hours and spoke with people, and by the end everyone was calm and the situation was good.

Unsure how this will end up, but Northern is working to support all points of view and ensure everyone has a voice. We must handle the situation carefully and be cognizant of issues, including racial prejudice. Have met with the Sweetgrass advisor, and will be meeting with the club to see if they want another opportunity to be heard.

Brian – requesting fee information by the end of the semester. Renovations moving ahead of schedule in Morgan, construction of DTC is on schedule.

Jim P – invited everyone to the UAC concert. Diesel student will be performing in the ballet!

Vicki – transitioning to new software, please check in all books ASAP.

Ligia – Accuplacer first test took place today. No more Compass testing.

Jim B – *Giving Tuesday* campaign goal of \$5k was exceeded. Working on building an Ag Mechanics pipeline of students. Cowboy Christmas tickets still available.

Kelsey – FLSA did *not* go into effect today. Working with Bozeman and OCHE to determine what is coming.

Alisha – Fall graduation is coming up.

Paul – thanks to faculty for response to mid-term alerts.

Jamie – working in Senate on BS for EMS degree. Sustainability is hoping to hold an electronics drive in May or June.

Jennifer – going to Great Falls to advise education students; exit interviews with graduates next week.

Tracey – have returning students fill out FAFSA, using last year’s info is okay.

Mark – continued interest in Criminal Justice is proliferating to other classes, need clarifying language in various disciplines.

Sue – started Christmas sale, 25% off logo items. Majority of book orders came in on time for Spring.

Becky – Wednesday night holiday dinner, repeat of Shakespearean dinner offered in May to BOR.

Sherry – great participation in blood drives, thank you!

Rachel – MAT's Hansel and Gretel opens next week, a great family show. The "gingerbread house" is an all-weather playhouse that will be auctioned off! Don't forget to buy your raffle tickets.