

University Advisory Council Minutes

Date: March 25, 2021 – Meeting held by video conference.

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Present: Greg Kegel, Neil Moisey, Corey Kopp, Maura Gatch, Chris Wendland, Suzanne Hunger, Christian Oberquell, Margaret Campbell, Cristy Ozburn, Cindy Small, Darlene Sellers, Jaime Duke, Dave Krueger, Dan Ulmen, Lisa Moisey, Randy Maglinao, Scott Guyant, Shantel Cronk, Vicki Gist, Carol Reifschneider, Susan Solomon, Wanda Meredith, Steven Don, Valerie Guyant, Marianne Hoppe, Becky Toth, Jay Howland, and Jodi Kueffler.

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A motion was made to accept the minutes as presented. Said motion was seconded and carried.

Policy Review

Policy #305.2 Technology Council

Marianne Hoppe, Acting Chief Information Officer, presented Policy #305.2 Technology Council for review. Following discussion, a motion was made to accept the policy with the discussed modifications, which included membership additions of “One Academic Dean” and “Dean of Students or Designee.” Said motion was seconded and carried.

Policy #411 Appeals on Holds on Student Registration

Chris Wendland, Controller, presented proposed clarification to the language in Policy #411 Appeals for Holds on Student Registration by specifying any holds belonging to other MUS campuses cannot be altered by an MSU-Northern employee and the student must contact the campus with the hold to have it resolved. Following discussion, a motion was made to accept the proposed changes along with changing position title of SSS Retention Specialist to SSS Director. Said motion was seconded and carried.

Policy # 8XX Short Term Loans

Chris Wendland, Controller, presented the proposed new policy for a short-term loan, which is intended to help students in an emergency where all other financial resources have been exhausted. Following discussion, this policy will be revised and reviewed at the April 22, 2021 UAC meeting agenda.

Announcements

Chancellor Kegel announced commencement will be held May 1st with two ceremonies to allow for social distancing at the ceremonies due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Chancellor Kegel shared that he has been participating in SWOT Meetings with Lisa Moisey, Director of Career Services & Industry Relations, faculty from each program, and Jodi Kueffler, Executive Assistant. These meetings highlight each program’s strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. The information from these meetings will assist us with further implementing our long-term strategic plan.

Chancellor Kegel reported he has had the opportunity to engage with faculty and students in “Walkabouts Around Campus” this semester with R. Neil Moisey, Provost and Maura Gatch, Vice Chancellor of Enrollment Management.

Chancellor Kegel reported he had an uplifting call with Clay Christian, Commissioner of Higher Education. He was optimistic about Northern’s future and that we have a lot of opportunity. Good things are happening.

Chancellor Kegel asked everyone to stay the course with COVID-19 safety precautions and continue with the safety measures we have used all year.

Jaime Duke, Interim Dean of Nursing, reported she has finished her data project and is on par to finish her doctorate.

Shantel Cronk, Executive Director MSU-Northern Foundation, shared that the Foundation is in the process of planning events for summer and fall. These events will include a Summer Celebration in late May at Montana Style Events Center and Hall of Fame BBQ in July on campus. The Golden Grads have requested an event during Homecoming in the fall. They are also working on a donor appreciation event during the first home football game next fall.

Dean Dave Krueger shared he taught his first nutrition lab recently and it was nice to be in the classroom.

Next Meeting: April 22, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.