

Advisory Council Minutes

Date: September 25, 2025

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Present: Gregory D. Kegel, Jennifer Brown, Chris Wendland, Belinda Potter, Beth Durodoye, Casey Donovan, Christian Oberquell, Grant Olson, Jennifer Anderson, Jodi Kueffler, Josh Gomez, Kasthuri Udayakumar, Laura Gomez, Lindsey Brandt-Bennett, Marianne Hoppe, Shaughn McKeon, Steven Don, Taryn Wallon, Valerie Guyant

August 28, 2025 Minutes

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

Policy Review

Policy #202 Officials to Act in Place of the Chancellor

Chancellor Kegel presented Policy #202 Officials to Act in Place of Chancellor, which updated review dates and titles of administrative officials to act in place of Chancellor. Following discussion, a motion was made to accept the policy as presented. Said motion was seconded and carried.

Policy #410 Absence from Commencement

Chancellor Kegel presented Policy #410 Absence from Commencement, which updated the review dates. Following discussion, a motion was made to accept the policy as presented. Said motion was seconded and carried.

Policy #601.4 Harassment, Hazing and Bystanding

Dr. Taryn Wallon presented Policy #601.4 Harassment, Hazing and Bystanding, which is a new policy required by the Department of Education to keep us in compliance with the Clery Act Report. Following discussion, a motion was made to accept the policy with additional editing revisions. Said motion was seconded and carried.

Policy #1001 General Campus Conduct

Chancellor Kegel presented Policy #1001 General Campus Conduct, which updated review dates. Following discussion, a motion was made to accept the policy with additional editing revisions. Said motion was seconded and carried.

Policy #1003.6 Conflict of Interest

Provost Brown presented Policy #1003.6 Conflict of Interest, which added clarification for grant funding, a new section for significant non-monetary personal interest, clarification for FERPA/HIPAA/Right to Privacy protected data, and a new section for sponsored research. Following discussion, a motion was made to accept the policy with additional editing revisions. Said motion was seconded and carried.

Updates/Announcements

Chancellor Kegel thanked Dr. Grant Olson for attending the recent Board of Regent meeting as the faculty representative. The meeting was only one day, which does not allow for as much collaboration between attendees as there was in the past, but was a good meeting where Northern was acknowledged for an increase in headcount and FTE.

Chancellor Kegel recognized Dr. Taryn Wallon and the Student Engagement Committee for planning the Homecoming activities for the week and encouraged everyone to attend.

Chancellor Kegel acknowledged everyone who participated this past weekend in Havre Festival Days events.

Chancellor Kegel shared that he is carefully navigating a recent situation where a faculty member posted their opinion concerning a national event on social media, which was then reposted to the public. He is taking into consideration safety for the faculty member along with other faculty, students, and staff. He acknowledged the situation does not make it easy to make everyone happy. He does not want Northern to lose regional support, but needs to do what is right for Northern.

Chancellor Kegel reported there will be a meeting on campus tomorrow to finally determine how to best utilize the legislative funding for the Aurora Complex and make sure the facility is what Northern needs.

Chancellor Kegel commented he is hearing our students are more engaged this year than recent past years.

Next Meeting: October 30, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.