Advisory Council Minutes

Date: August 27, 2026

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Present: Jennifer Brown, Chris Wendland, Belinda Potter, Casey Donoven, Christian Oberquell, Curtis Smeby, Eva Stokes, Grant Olson, Jennifer Anderson, Jodi Kueffler, Jonathan Wamsley, Josh Gomez, Kasthuri Udayakumar, Lindsey Brandt-Bennett, Marianne Hoppe, Melanie Skoyen, Rebecca Farr, Shaughn McKeon, Steven Don, Taryn Wallon, Valerie Guyant

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March 26, 2026 Minutes

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

Policy Review

Policy #307.1 Safety and Disaster Committee

Interim Chancellor Brown presented Policy #307.1 Safety and Disaster Committee, which was tabled for further updates.

Policy #1004.6 Active Shooter Incident

Interim Chancellor Brown presented Policy #1004.6 Active Shooter Incident, which updated review dates, responsible party and added clarifying language. Following discussion, a motion was made to accept the policy with editing revisions. Said motion was seconded and carried.

Policy #1004.7 Emergency Notification Policy

Interim Chancellor Brown presented Policy #1004.7 Emergency Notification Policy, which updated review dates, responsible party, revised 911 contact list and added clarifying language. Following discussion, a motion was made to accept the policy with further revisions to the contact list. Said motion was seconded and carried.

Updates/Announcements

Interim Chancellor Brown shared there is currently a Memorandum of Understanding under development and review which would allow Dr. Casey Donoven to Co-Chair with Ms. Erin Markus in the College of Technical Sciences. Once this is approved Dr. Valerie Guyant with be the Chair of College Arts, Science & Education with a possibility of a Co-Chair.

Interim Chancellor Brown reported we have ten filled faculty positions for the new academic year.

Interim Chancellor Brown advised Dr. Valerie Conley was on campus meeting with her this week as the potential Interim Provost to provide support with academic matters.

Interim Chancellor Brown shared the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) Mid-Cycle Report was submitted today and there will be an on-site visit to campus in October. There will also be an Office of Public Instruction (OPI) accreditation visit in later October.

Interim Chancellor Brown advised the Aurora Complex planning is moving forward and the architects hope to have renderings for the public to see at one of the October football games.

Mr. Shaughn McKeon thanked everyone for their help with registering any new or transfer students who applied late in the spring and summer.

Ms. Belinda Potter announced there will be an open house on September 16th in the Library for Dr. Burke Wallace's new book.

Mr. Christian Oberquell shared Harlem and Belt will be using Tilleman Field tomorrow at 3:00 p.m. for their game.

Mr. Oberquell announced Havre High School Band will be playing at our last home game and possibly the Halloween game too.

Dean of Students Taryn Wallon introduced the new ASMSUN President, Jonathan Wamsley.

Ms. Marianne Hoppe announced the Cyber Security Training would be coming out next week. She also reminded everyone to use helpdesk@msun.edu to create a ticket for any IT issues.

Ms. Eva Stokes advised the Cowan Hall roof project would be beginning soon and may cause some inconveniences while it is ongoing. She further advised the Morgan Hall construction project will soon be going to bid.

Ms. Melanie Skoyen announced the Alumni Auction is set for September 12, 2026, with the doors opening at 5:00 p.m. There are still tickets and tables available. If you are interested please contact the MSU-Northern Foundation.

Next Meeting: October 29, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.