Cabinet Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 11, 2020 | 9:00-10:00 a.m. | UH 004

Attending: Maggie Angle, Alicia Arant, Abbigail Belcher, Seth Bodnar, Cathy Cole, Lucy France, Rozlyn Haley, Jon Harbor, Paul Lasiter, Nathan Lindsay, Mark Pershouse, Renae Scott, Paula Short, Megan Stark, Sarah Swager, Kelly Webster, Scott Whittenburg

Coronavirus Update
- Discussion was held about how best to manage calls from students and parents needing more information.
- Questions were raised about how many test kits are available in Montana. Paula Short shared that Montana does have tests (200).
- Discussions were held about how best to assist faculty for the possibility of on-line learning.
- Discussion was also held about how best to manage upcoming large public events on campus. President Bodnar asked Cabinet members to review large public events in their area that are happening on campus to review the best course of action.
- More information is being sent out today to UM employees and students.

Priority for Action #1 Update
- At the Mid-Year Leadership Meeting, the PFA #1 team had participants complete a SWOT analysis. Brian Reed has compiled these data and this information will be used to guide future activities.
- Front-line staff are working hard to help students with questions and concerns about the novel coronavirus.
- President Bodnar expressed the need to continue focusing on recruitment and retention of transfer and part-time students.
- President Bodnar shared that the Board of Regents reviews retention rates across the MUS system without qualifying metrics. At UM, President Bodnar asked if we can compile expected retention rates based on set factors (test scores, etc.) that we can compare our actual rates against.
- EAB will help UM with benchmarking efforts.

Priority for Action #2 Update
- Scott Whittenburg reviewed data and projections re: UM’s effort to achieve R1 status.
- Data on the NSF Herd Survey were shared, including research rate, instruction and OSA. Award values, are up 20% this year over last year (and last year was a record year).
- Scott Whittenburg shared that there are large grants that are outstanding but expected to come in.
- UM should be close to the $120M target in research expenditures by 2021.
- Information about PDNFRSTAFF data from the NSF GSS survey were shared. This number includes post-docs in science and engineering combined with non-faculty Ph.D. trained research staff.
- Compiling the data for this required a lot of research. There has been a lot of research and
the deadline was early so UM’s reported number did not include all qualifying individuals.

- Maricel Lawrence and her team have been doing an exceptional job.
- Nathan Lindsay shared information about upcoming trainings.

Public Comment
- Abbigail Belcher shared the COVID-19 action plan for ASUM Transportation and ASUM Childcare.

Adjourned at 10:00am.