Cabinet Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 12, 2018 | 9:00-10:00 a.m. | UH 004

Attendees: Seth Bodnar, Alex Butler, Amy Capolupo, Cathy Cole, Lucy France, Paul Haber, Jon Harbor, Kent Haslam, Rosi Keller, Renae Scott, Matt Semanoff, Paula Short, Kelly Webster, Jessica Weltman, Scott Whittenburg, Cindy Williams

UM Minute

- The Adams Center hosted the Western High School Basketball tournament. This was a good recruitment opportunity with many high school students experiencing campus.
- Provost Harbor attended the CCA Conference in Chicago last week. While there, he met with high school counselors who were pleased with the materials UM sent – the materials captured a unique western experience for students from Chicago!
- The 70th anniversary of the Declaration of Human Rights was celebrated last night with student, faculty, and community speakers.
- Last weekend, the UM Choirs and UM Symphony, in partnership with the International Music Festival and community members, performed a Hanukkah set and Handel’s “Messiah.” Dean Kalm and Rabbi Kula sang a blessing, and President Bodnar lit the menorah.

Minutes unanimously approved.

Debriefs and Updates
- MUS Input Session
  - The second of these system-wide gatherings, the intention continues to be for us to more deliberately and intentionally operate as a system.
  - The Commissioner reiterated the importance of enhancing access for the 40% of Montanans who don’t elect to go to college.
  - Governor’s Budget proposal is very good for the MUS and definitely good for UM. The proposal includes:
    - An increase of $24M in funding – this is essentially a tuition buyback (tuition remains frozen), and will go to the campuses proportionally. This $24M would goes into the base, which will be beneficial as we move forward into future bienniums.
    - $5M need-based aid to be matched by the Foundation
  - The MUS College Access Portal will be built as an entry point for the full MUS.
- VPOF Announcement – Paul Lasiter has accepted our offer, and he will be on campus Monday and Tuesday to begin his education. He is excited to join our community.
- Fall Commencement and the MC Pinning Ceremony will take place this Saturday, December 15.
AG Tim Fox and Senator Jon Tester will speak, with AG Fox as the main commencement speaker.

- The ceremony has been moved to Dennison to accommodate the large number of people attending.
- The Headwaters Gift Announcement will take place December 13, 11:00-1:00 at SpectrUM.
  - This is a gift that will be administered through a UM collaboration of academic faculty across disciplines and two nonprofits in Helena. The gift focuses on ages 0-5 with an emphasis on evidence-based practices that improve the long-range success of children.
  - Headwaters recognized UM’s ability to bring together expertise from varied disciplines to improve lives.
  - We will receive $5M over five years.
  - Dean Humphrey is the PI.

Priority for Action #1 (Amy Capolupo and Jon Harbor)

- Current work underway
  - The CCA Conference was an excellent opportunity to learn about national best practices.
  - CCA’s recent initiative is titled “Putting purpose first” – students are much more successful in making decisions when they have a sense of their long-term vision, i.e. when they see the relevance of what they are doing in the short-term.
  - Student retention website for faculty has been launched at [http://www.umt.edu/provost/initiatives/fac_ret.php](http://www.umt.edu/provost/initiatives/fac_ret.php)
  - On January 23, 2:00-3:00, an FDO session will focus on faculty role in retention
  - Re-recruitment is underway.
  - The Week of Welcome is being rolled out.
- Metrics
  - ASCRC has drafted a resolution aiming for 100% faculty participation in Starfish for 100- and 200-level courses.
  - For this to effective, advisors will need to be closing the loop/following up through Starfish – requiring that all advisors use it.
  - Advisor-to-faculty ratios – we are finalizing the collection of this information.
  - We are collection data on how many students are in developmental courses vs. corequisite.

Priority for Action #2 (Jon Harbor and Scott Whittenburg)

- Current work
  - The Office of the Provost is continuing to increase support/opportunities for novel course delivery (summer and online).
  - Our permanent Summer Director, Linda Shook will be reaching out to colleges.
  - OPM discussion
    - Working toward getting an outside partner while helping to educate and gather feedback from our faculty.
    - May be able to deliver across the entire MUS.
There will be a professional development event for faculty on February 1 focused on evidence-based pedagogy as well as a faculty inquiry project on active learning and low-stakes assessment.

- We are generating a group of metrics with the aim of better broadcasting our expertise (research and creative scholarship).
- USAID is a fruitful potential area for growth in funding – VP Whittenburg is looking to see if we qualify.

No public comment given.