Cabinet Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 27, 2019 | 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, Mark Pershouse, Sarah Swager, Scott Whittenburg

UM Minute

- Mark Pershouse shared a story about a pre-med student who has four medical school interviews scheduled.
- There is a Thanksgiving meal in the UC Ballroom today with 180 students and their family members signed up to attend. Cabinet members are encouraged to come to the meal. Cabinet members discussed how best to communicate to these students about other events happening on campus over the Thanksgiving weekend.
- The Cabinet discussed outreach and activities for early January to encourage students to engage with others on campus and the Missoula community. The decision was made to discuss this topic further at the next Cabinet meeting with Sarah Swager as the lead.

Minutes Approval

- Jon Harbor moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Minutes were approved.

Brief Updates

- Cabinet discussed updates from the November Board of Regents meeting in Bozeman.
- One item that was presented at the Board of Regents meeting was infrastructure improvements. This presentation included Rankin Hall, Pantzer Hall and the future home of the Montana Heritage Pavilion.
- The Cabinet discussed the long-range campus master plan. Attention was given to the importance of being measured and intentional in meeting the needs of the university while also being good stewards of the campus and the land on which it’s built.
- Cathy Cole shared that she attended a great session at the Board of Regents meeting focused on free speech on campus.
- There was a great meeting that took place at the Board of Regents meeting with the affiliate campuses.
- Abbigail met with the Montana Associated Students, a group comprised of student leaders from MUS campuses.
Priority for Action #1 Update

- The EAB Navigate transition process is underway.
- UM is hoping to get 100% faculty usage once this system is up and running.
- The deans were given DFW rates (the rate of students earning a D grade, F grade or a withdrawal). This information will be used to determine where support and attention are needed. Particular attention will be given to general education courses with high DFW rates.
- The next PFA #1 workgroup will focus on faculty advisors and mentors. This meeting will include a conversation with the deans about what this will look like.
- Re-recruitment efforts were discussed. Advisors will focus on assigned caseloads and strategic mailings will be utilized.

Priority for Action #2 Update

- Scott Whittenburg discussed the metrics used to determine if a doctoral university will receive the “R1: Very High Research Activity” status in the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education.
- An agenda item will be added to the 12/19 meeting to discuss expansion of specific doctoral programs.
- The next recalculation for doctoral universities for R1 and R2 status will take place in 2021.

Public Comment

- No public comment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:09am.