Cabinet Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 27, 2019 | 9:00-10:00 a.m. | UH 004

Attendees

Seth Bodnar, Alex Butler, Cathy Cole, Lucy France, Jon Harbor, Rozalyn Hayley, Paul Lasiter, Matthew Semanoff, Renae Scott, Sarah Swager, Kelly Webster, Jessica Weltman

UM Minute

- President Bodnar’s half-court shot was shared out through media channels and widely viewed.
- The UM recruitment event at the Nike Headquarters was a success. This was a collaboration between recruitment, alumni, UMF. The planning resulted in a Nike store packed with students.
- The UM facilities team worked all night to clear campus after a significant storm. Their work is very appreciated.

Minutes Approval

- Approved

Priority for Action #1 (Sarah Swager)

- Advising and Registration
  - We are seeing improved acceptance of Starfish among faculty, especially in 100- and 200-level courses.
  - We will plan an after-action review on our effort to reach out to students who owed us money and couldn’t register. We will look to:
    - potentially back up deadlines so that we can count the students in census
    - build communication channels to which students will actually respond
    - simplify processes and automate where appropriate, e.g., around roadblocks minor enough for automation
- Faculty engagement processes around retention continue, especially through ASCRC.
- We are looking to build into first-year seminar and other venues time for exposing students to time and project management skills and tools.
- We need to develop a student-centric technology experience so that it’s seamless rather than a baffling suite of required tools, not just for current students, but also for prospective students and alumni.
- A recent Gates Foundation visit to prompted our self-reflection in some key areas:
  - Designing to serving Native American population
  - Workforce development and continuing education business partnerships
- The Big Sky Experience will be a part of our new orientation package moving forward. This model will include:
  - Student cohorts of 25
  - A design that emphasizes a sense of place and belonging from day one
  - Seamless handoffs into first-year seminar specifically and the first-year experience generally

**Priority for Action #2 (Jon Harbor)**

- Teaching and Learning
  - Summer
    - We are developing new marketing (posters, mailings, website, geofencing).
    - Registration has opened – well over 1,000 already have signed up.
    - We’ve hired interns who understand how students think. These interns are providing social media support.
    - We are exploring the potential for academic summer institutes.
    - We are reaching out to high school students – get college credit this summer!
      - This is a pipeline for us, a recruitment opportunity.
  - Online
    - RFP process – two finalists have been invited to campus to give presentations. A decision will be made mid-March.
    - The new UMOnline director starts mid-March.
  - Teaching Excellence Initiative
    - 72 people participated.
    - Faculty demonstrated excitement and signed up for follow up activities.

- FRIP is moving along – a plan is in place and all parties seem amenable, even while we may need to make some adjustments. Paul Lasiter will take a closer, hard look at the model to make sure it makes financial sense.

**Public Comment**

None offered