Cabinet Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, July 24, 2019 | 9:00-10:00 a.m. | UH 004

Attending: Maggie Angle, Alicia Arant, Seth Bodnar, Cathy Cole, Lucy France, Ethan Hanley, Nathan Lindsay, Mark Pershouse, Renae Scott, Paula Short, Sarah Swager, Scott Whittenburg, Cindy Williams,

UM Minute

- Amy Capalupo received a grant for a group from Egypt to visit UM to look at our disability services program.
- The recent announcement regarding the $3.3 million NIH contract to develop a vaccine targeting opioid addiction has led to tremendous media exposure. Two TV stations and 1 radio station visited Jay Evans’ lab.
- Mark Pershouse shared that he attended a meeting of the student conduct code revision committee. This group has caught its stride and the students are doing great.
- Updates were shared from the Board of Regents meeting.
  - Mountain Water Institute was approved as were a couple of name changes.
  - Refinancing of UM’s debt portfolio was approved. UM’s debt portfolio has a short maturity and is coming due. UM will refinance a large portion of our debt to free up capital for investment to improve the student experience at UM. Bonds will be issued in late summer. UM will start a comprehensive process to determine where best to strategically deploy resources.
- Rebranding of the PreMed major was discussed. Mark Pershouse and Nathan Lindsay met to discuss this and will pursue rolling out more information about the PreMed Pathway at UM. Group discussed whether to pursue a PreMed major at UM.

Minutes Approval

- Paula Short moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Renae Scott seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.

CPRG Update

- This group is meeting every two weeks and has come up with a list of 20 action items, including that student groups will report to Sarah in time of crisis, the need for UM to purchase additional radios, etc.
• One of the items we continue on which to work is how to best track who is on campus at any given time.

• Cabinet and other entities will have 6-8 week planning horizon of all events coming to campus to review and plan. Cabinet will also receive information about events happening during upcoming weeks with additional notes, including opportunities to engage with students, etc.

• The next CPRG meeting will take place on 7/26 and will go through follow-up items. People are invited to join future CPRG meetings.

• Going forward, a review of large upcoming campus events will be added to the Cabinet agenda once per month.

Priority for Action #3

• A summary of updates was distributed. President Bodnar made the decision to move discussion on PFA #3 to the next meeting.

Priority for Action #4

• Scott Whittenburg shared a handout showcasing earned media exposure for the Broader Impacts Group around their Summer of Science in the Bitterroot Valley program and their participation in the Arlee Powwow.
  o Holly Truitt has left UM and is starting consulting company. Nathalie Wolfram will be serving as Interim Director of BIG and Jessie Herbert will serve as the Interim Director of spectrUM.

• Andrea Vernon will be the interim leader of the newly combined unit focused on Experiential Learning and Career Services. Part of their task is how best to integrate services into seamless unit for students. Focus will be on helping students ready to hit ground running after graduation.
  o The Big Sky Experience, where students will attend specialty program in area of interest, will be part of Orientation this year. This will be students’ first experiential learning opportunity.
  o Looking into when Career Services programming will begin with students to determine optimal timing.
  o Discussed funded internships as donor opportunity and required learning objectives.

Priority for Action #5

• Enrollment numbers are looking OK for fall. UM team members are working hard to help students take care of necessary trainings and other items before they arrive on campus.

• Tony Layton is interning in Strategic Communications and is working on creating a table showing what students are tweeting on campus and from where they are sending these...
tweets. He is also working to capture the top 50 informative words students and others are using to describe UM.

- The Financial Aid team is 100% caught up on verifications for summer and fall.
- The Marketing Communications team is ready to deploy all new publications.
- In process of revamping UM press releases to include a more story-based, people-centric narrative. Releases will also include a photo.

Public Comment
- No public comments were shared.