

April 10, 2006

President's Cabinet

Bishop Barnwell Room, SUB

2:00 p.m.

MINUTES

In attendance: See attached list

I. President's Report

Dr. Kustra announced that Lee Denker, Director of the Alumni Association, has accepted an appointment with the University of Nebraska. He also introduced David Cooper as the new Interim Executive Director of Facilities Administration, and Ross Borden, who will be responsible for government relations.

He then reported the legislature's approval of a 4.8% increase to the higher education budget proposal, and the outcome of negotiations concerning equity.

The community college proposal did not succeed; however, there will be a legislative interim committee that will study the issue. Since the state did not act, there is still an opportunity for support to come from Albertson's Foundation.

He reported on two ongoing searches. One for the V.P. of Student Affairs, with candidate visits on campus beginning in a couple of weeks. Faculty, administrators and staff are encouraged to attend sessions with each candidate. The search for V.P. of Research Administration is still ongoing.

Dr. Kustra also reported that the Capital Scholars program attracted 60 students and their families this year. He congratulated Mark Wheeler and the housing staff for their excellent work with these students and the success of the program.

II. Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda A. through G. was unanimously approved as presented.

III. UNIVERSITY POLICIES

A. Investment Policy (First Reading) – There were no discussions, questions or comments.

B. Endowed Chair Policy (First Reading) - There were some questions about some of the content from cabinet members that Mr. Frisch acknowledged and will incorporate into the revised edition.

C. Software Patch Management (First Reading) – There were no discussions, questions or comments.

D. Desktop and Laptop Computing Standards (6463-C, First Reading) – Any questions concerning this policy should be directed to David O’Neill, OIT.

E. Grading Policy (2100-B, seeking emergency final approval) – David Saunders handed out several proposal summaries, including the ones presented at the Faculty Senate meeting last October, that outline the change in computation of grade point average at Boise State. The concept of the change is to enable faculty to accurately assess the true quality of a student’s performance and argues the case for pluses and minuses. There were questions concerning the consequences of applying a C minus to a GPA in qualifying for prerequisites; i.e., if a student’s average is C minus, they will not have a 2.0 GPA. Conversely, A+ doesn’t add anything to a student’s GPA. Molly George of ASBSU said she would like more research done on this policy and doesn’t believe the student body was given enough information about the consideration of this proposal. ASBSU’s President Wyatt Parke handed out copies of observed shortcomings of this grading system. He also acknowledged that ASBSU did not provide representation at announced meetings about the proposed change.

Mark Wheeler pointed out that the new GPA policy already appears in the Fall 2006 catalog, but implementation could be postponed until 2007.

Kevin Satterlee stated that from an official policy standpoint, everyone must either use this system across the board or not, and that its utilization should not be left up to individual faculty members. Sona Andrews expressed her concern about this grading system being exclusive because it would be too restrictive to the methods used for grading some courses. It was determined that there would be an appropriate amount of flexibility allowed to accommodate those circumstances.

The proposal to implement a new procedure for computing grade point average at Boise State University was approved as presented.

IV. Undergraduate Application Fee Increase – Barbara Fortin reported that the current undergraduate application fee is \$30. The primary impetus for the increase is to provide general scholarships, the rest is for recruitment. There is a fee waiver process in place for indigent students. Larry Barnhardt thinks the increase should not apply to Applied Technology students. Barbara clarified that the application fee for these students will remain at \$30.

The proposal to increase the undergraduate application fee from \$30 to \$40 was unanimously approved as presented.

V. Select-a-Seat Update (Information) – Stacy Pearson reported that eventually, the ticketing function will transfer to the venues themselves and SAS will be phased out.

VI. Advancement Funding Presentation (Information) – Rick Frisch distributed summary charts of peer data on the current number of professional positions and financing of advancement operating costs as well as an organization chart outlining current and future University Advancement positions. Additional staff will need to be hired to conduct a comprehensive campaign and administrative fees need to be managed to match endowments. The Foundation's operating committee will be presenting a proposal for approval at a meeting April 26th.

VII. Parking Rate Increases – Stacy Pearson reported that parking fees will be increased by 15% beginning July, 2006. There was discussion about the construction of additional parking decks and who would be permitted to park in the new decks.

VIII. Other/Announcements – The Strategic Planning effort, which began in September, is now complete. The plan will be unveiled in August, 2006. The plan has been shared with external focus groups, from whom we have received very positive feedback.

Stacy Pearson reported that the Associate Vice President for Campus Planning and Facilities position search is coming along with interviews planned in the coming weeks.

Sona Andrews reported the very first Ph.D. student in Geosciences will graduate this May.

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

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Members Present
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Provost: Sona Andrews

Vice President for Student Affairs: Interim, Mark Wheeler

Vice President for University Advancement: Rick Frisch

Vice President for Finance & Administration: Stacy Pearson

Associate Vice President for Finance & Administration: Jo Ellen DiNucci

Associate Vice President for Student Affairs: Richard Rapp

Associate Vice President & University Counsel: Kevin Satterlee

Dean, College of Applied Technology: Larry Barnhardt

Dean, College of Social Sciences & Public Affairs: Michael Blankenship

Dean, College of Arts and Sciences: Marty Schimpf

Dean, College of Education: Diane Boothe

Dean, College of Health Sciences: Jim Girvan

Dean, Extended Studies: Michael Stockstill

Dean, College of Business & Economics: Bill Lathen

Associate Dean, Social Sciences & Public Affairs:
Shelton Woods

Dean, Engineering: Cheryl Schrader

University Libraries: Librarian, Gloria Ostrander-Dykstra

ACE Representative: Gay Barzee

Guests: Mike Mather

Facilities Administration Executive Director: David Cooper, Interim Director

Athletic Director: Gene Bleymaier

Director, Human Resources Services: Jane Buser

Director, Alumni Association: Lee Denker

Director of Communications & Marketing: Frank Zang

Special Assistant to the President: Ross Borden

Dean of Enrollment Services: Mark Wheeler

Director, Boise State West Campus: Dennis Griffin

Executive Director, Office of Information Technology:
David O'Neill

Director, Internal Audit & Advisory Services: Keith Hasselquist

Executive Director, Health, Wellness & Counseling: Ferd Schlapper

Director, Security, Parking & Transportation Services:
Jared Everett

Director of International Programs: Sabine Klahr

Special Assistant to the President: Randi McDermott

President, Faculty Senate: David Saunders

President, Professional Staff Association: Mike Esposito

Students

ASBSU President: Wyatt S. Parke (3/22/06)

ASBSU Vice President: Molly George (3/22/06)