

NOTES FROM PRESIDENT'S CABINET

January 17, 2012

Members present: Dr. Ed Brewster, Ms. Laurie Clary,
Mr. Dave Halverstadt, Ms. Jeanette Green,
Ms. Sandy Lloyd, Ms. Julie Nelson,
Mr. Greg Taylor, Dr. Arlene Torgerson,
Ms. Gail Winkelman

Absent: Ms. Barbara McCullough, Dr. Gary Murrell,
Ms. Janet Parker

Others Present: Ms. Sandy Zelasko

I. Student Issues and Concerns (Mr. Greg Taylor)

Mr. Taylor reported the following:

1. Students have requested a “family friendly” study area where students could bring their children and close the door and not have them bother anyone? Dr. Brewster responded he would bring the request to the next e-team meeting.
2. Students want to know why we don't have a better system of informing students when school is closed. Dr. Brewster responded he is open to suggestions. He makes every effort to decide as early as possible if the college will be closed or on a delayed schedule. Ms. Clary added that for everyone who complains we don't close we have people who complain that we are open. Mr. Taylor asked if instructors could post information on Angel. Dr. Torgerson responded they could post on Angel whether or not they would be on campus.
3. This year's student government project will be PAWS. At this time they are not accepting any more animals. Student government's goal is to recruit volunteers to renovate the building and repair their van. It is hoped that materials will be donated. He asked about involving the college's auto and carpentry students. Dr. Brewster responded he does not know if the college can officially sponsor such a project. However, students could volunteer if they choose to do so. He suggested the Aberdeen High School auto shop program as a possibility for repairing the van. Mr. Taylor said students will sponsor a pet food donation drive if the renovation project isn't successful. This project is an effort to continue to build a bond between the community and the college.
4. The transit bus that comes to Campus from Westport drops students off on the road outside the college. There is an effort to have them change their route and bring students to the top of the hill.

- II. Faculty Issues and Concerns (Dr. Gary Murrell, Ms. Julie Nelson)
None
- III. Classified Staff Issues and Concerns (Ms. Jeanette Green, Ms. Janet Parker, Ms. Gail Winkelman)
Ms. Winkelman said that Ms. Jasper reported the college veterans' group would like a space on campus for a veterans' center. Dr. Torgerson said she would follow up on the request. Dr. Brewster added this is a similar request as the one for a family friendly center. Different groups have a desire for their own space. It is difficult to accommodate one request and not another.
- IV. Vice President for Instruction (Ms. Laurie Clary)
None
- V. Vice President for Student Services (Dr. Arlene Torgerson)
None
- VI. Vice President for Administrative Services (Ms. Barbara McCullough)
None
- VII. Chief, Information Technology (Ms. Sandy Lloyd)
Ms. Lloyd announced that we are now using Chokemail to correspond with students. If a student chooses to use their personal e-mail there is no guarantee they will receive messages from the college or that their responses will not go to junk mail or not be received. Faculty are being encouraged to use Chokemail when corresponding with their students.
- VIII. Chief, Human Resources (Mr. Dave Halverstadt)
None
- IX. Chief, Campus Operations, Safety and Security (Mr. Tony Simone)
None
- X. President (Dr. Ed Brewster)
Dr. Brewster reported the legislative session is underway. There have not been any decisions regarding budget cuts to higher education. It is assumed that budget decisions will be made after the February revenue forecast is announced.

There are several bills in motion concerning veterans. One bill would allow new students who are veterans to enroll in advance of returning students.

A priority for the legislature this year affects state employees. Their health insurance premiums would be based on a sliding scale depending on their salary. Highly paid employees would pay more than other employees.