

President's Cabinet
Minutes
December 3, 2007

The Cabinet met on December 3 at 9:00 a.m. Present were: Byrd, Clark, Gregory, Hall, Huffman, Jackson, Kennedy, McMillan, McQueen, Mulkeen, Robinson, Speck, Struckmeyer, Wilson and Winters.

- Hall distributed a handout regarding the Student Engagement Committee and discussed its objectives and goals.
- At the January 14, 2008 meeting, Hall requested Cabinet members be prepared to report on the progress of the strategic goals for their department.
- McQueen gave a presentation regarding academic advising. Several handouts were discussed. An academic advising roundtable discussion was held on November 27 with all departments represented to discuss how advising can be improved.
- Winters will create a faculty committee to look into how academic advising can be improved at APSU.
- Hall and Winters expressed concern that academic advising may not be the root cause of poor student retention. Jackson felt that a lack of connectivity by the students to the university is a retention concern. The Association of African American Staff and Faculty have decided to implement an "Adopt a Student" program for Fall 2008. This program pairs freshmen African American students with faculty and staff to establish an additional connection to the university.
- In order to assess the percentage of freshmen involved in organizations on campus, Hall stated that a question should be added to the APSU 1000 end of the course survey asking if the student is involved in any organizations at APSU. He also suggested that more emphasis be placed on the student organization fair to promote more student involvement.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30. The next Cabinet meeting will be December 17 at 9 a.m. in the Iris Room. Terri Damron, Assistant Director of Marketing in Public Relations, will present a report on a conference she attended entitled "How Emotion and Engagement Affects Retention."