

President's Cabinet  
Minutes  
October 22, 2007

The Cabinet met on October 22 at 9:00 a.m. Present were: Burke, Byrd, Clark, Gregory, Hall, Huffman, Jackson, Kennedy, Loos, McQueen, Mulkeen, Robinson, Speck, Struckmeyer, Wilson, and Winters.

- Hall stated that we want a mission statement that controls our thought process and makes us constantly ask what are we doing to support student success.
- Each member of the Cabinet that deals directly with students prepared 2 or 3 major initiatives to improve student success from their area. These initiatives were sent to the Cabinet prior to the meeting. For the next few meetings, the Cabinet members will be presenting the initiatives from their area.
- Speck presented the initiatives for Academic Affairs. They included:
  - Creating a Chair Academy in January to guide academic chairs as their responsibilities evolve.
  - Promoting undergraduate research. Hall asked Speck to prepare a proposal on how to implement this initiative.
  - Conducting monthly meetings in the Spring with faculty about active learning as a way to move toward a teaching and learning center.
  - Promoting student spaces after hours with white boards in selected classrooms, the library, and the coffee shop. Speck will check on spaces in the Library and Clark will coordinate with Robinson to check on spaces in the University Center.
- Hall will appoint a focus group, chaired by Dr. Jaime Taylor, to look at how the successful initiatives in Physics can be incorporated in other academic departments.
- Hall asked Speck and Winters to consult on creating space/time for faculty research.
- Byrd presented the initiatives for Student Affairs. They included:
  - Assuming responsibility for the non-academic components of Summer Welcome and Orientation in Collaboration with New Student Programs and Enrollment Management.
  - Developing other student housing options by offering theme/major based floor/building and/or residential learning communities to enhance student engagement. Hall stated that faculty need to be involved in this initiative and would provide some faculty incentives for after hour work. Hall reminded the Cabinet that 10-20 students working together on something is a success. It does not take a large number of students involved in an initiative.
  - Enhancing opportunities for student involvement by increasing activities, programs and services offered within the Division of Student Affairs.
  - Expand information and support services for students that have the most potential to positively impact student success and retention.

- Hall explained how some of the budget was allocated this year: 1) creation of a new Ed.D. program, 2) assessment of faculty needs, and 3) assessments of staff needs. The enrollment of new students and the retention of current students will affect our economic future.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00. The next Cabinet meeting will be November 5 at 9 a.m. in the Cumberland Room and the student initiatives that were prepared for this meeting will continued to be discussed.