

**President's Cabinet
Minutes
September 10, 2007**

The Cabinet met on September 10 at 9:00 a.m. Present were: Burke, Byrd, Clark, Gregory, Hall, Huffman, Jackson, Loos, Robinson, Speck, Struckmeyer, Wilson, and Winters.

President Hall stated that we would no longer use the same format for the President's Cabinet meetings. Instead, this group will focus on initiatives that drive student success. He referred to the handout from **U.S. News and World Report** showing APSU has a 63% retention rate for first time freshmen, a 6-year graduation rate of 31%, and a 4-year graduation rate of 10%, all numbers that place us near the bottom of comparisons with our peer institutions. More has to be done to place emphasis on retaining our students.

- The Cabinet's new directives include: What can we do to help our students succeed? What can we do to support our faculty and student life in driving this initiative? Moving forward, the Cabinet will be promoting student success and focusing on APSU's strategic plan. Meetings will center on sharing initiatives and holding each other accountable to see that they are carried out.
- The Cabinet will no longer approve policies and procedures. The President will appoint a policy committee that will make recommendations to be presented directly to him.
- Future Cabinet meetings will be scheduled every other week in the Cumberland Room. Patty Mulkeen and Harriett McQueen will be asked to join the Cabinet.
- More needs to be done to communicate with our current students to help them to become involved and create a social and cultural connection to the campus.
- An objective look at why students are not returning to APSU needs to be completed.
- Dr. Winters will supply names to President Hall to appoint a Faculty Focus Group whose purpose will be to encourage creativity among the faculty to support student success and report to the Cabinet how these initiatives can be supported and funded.
- Mr. Huffman will supply names to President Hall to appoint a Student Focus Group whose purpose will be to provide input to the Cabinet on how it can be more supportive of student success.
- President Hall recommended that the Cabinet members read the book **Student Success in College**. Cabinet members can request a copy of the book by sending an email to Dr. Speck.

The meeting adjourned at 10 a.m. The next meeting of the President's Cabinet will be September 24 at 9:00 a.m. in the Cumberland Room.