

President's Cabinet
Minutes
February 11, 2008

The Cabinet met on February 11 at 9:00 a.m. Present were: Bryant, Burke, Byrd, Denton, Gregory, Hall, Huffman, Jackson, Kennedy, Loos, McMillan, McQueen, Mulkeen, Robinson, Struckmeyer, Winters and Wilson.

- McMillan distributed a handout which listed the upcoming bills that will be placed before the legislature this session.
- Mulkeen distributed a handout which listed the APSU first-time full-time freshmen fall-to-fall retention rates from 2002-2007. APSU had a retention rate of 65.8% for 2007 which is an upward trend according to this data. She also stated that the 27.1% graduation rate for 2007 was slightly lower than previous years. The report was broken down by many factors i.e, age, race, admission status. A discussion followed regarding the correlation between the admissions standards and retention. Hall asked McQueen to provide a report on the success of the conditionally admitted program to him.

Hall stated that APSU needs to personally reach out to help students be successful which can have a great impact on retention.

Winters suggested that faculty be invited to go on recruiting trips with the Admissions staff to give a more personal touch to students.

- Hall stated the 2005-2010 strategic plans will be discussed in depth at the next Cabinet meeting. Each goal has been assigned to a person for reporting responsibility. The responsible person is to send two items to Joanne Shepard by February 18 and attend the Cabinet meeting on February 25 to discuss. The items are: 1) what things are we doing to accomplish the goals and 2) what is left to be done to accomplish the goals.
- McQueen will provide an update on the progress of the Foundation of Excellence project at the March 10 meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m. The next Cabinet meeting will be on Monday, February 25 at 9:00 a.m. in the Room 312. (Notice the change in location.)