

President's Cabinet
Minutes
January 14, 2008

The Cabinet met on January 14 at 9:00 a.m. Present were: Burke, Byrd, Clark, Gregory, Hall, Huffman, Jackson, Kennedy, Loos, McMillan, McQueen, Mulkeen, Robinson, Speck, Struckmeyer, and Wilson.

- Mulkeen presented retention data requested at a previous cabinet meeting regarding APSU students working more than 20 hours a week. This data was compiled from the National Survey of Student Engagement that was administered to APSU's freshmen and seniors. Because of the poor participation rate in the NSSE, Mulkeen stated that no retention decision should be based on this data. National data on this subject would be a more reliable source.
- Hall distributed and discussed a list of his Spring 2008 priorities. The following items were included in this list:
 - Restructure P-16 council. Clark will coordinate.
 - Plan and execute inauguration activities. The Leaf Chronicle will publish a special edition with inaugural events.
 - Close old capital campaign with appropriate celebration and publicity. Gregory will coordinate.
 - Revisit IETS and strategic planning and consider beginning the cycle in spring.
 - Begin hosting weekly faculty coffee meetings with President.
 - Finalize Ed.D. proposal.
 - Appoint aesthetics task force to study best use of outdoor space to support student success.
 - Complete retention data report and standard template to be used for future information gathering. Mulkeen will complete.
 - Provide additional funding to be awarded for student success initiatives. The Student Engagement Committee will provide suggestions to possible initiatives; consider asking Faculty Senate to take the lead in distributing funds. Jaime Taylor will coordinate.
 - Explore locations for possible honors facility (common space and seminar rooms for honors students).
 - Prepare to launch one or more learning communities in fall 2008. Possible language learning community to bring American and international students together.
 - Prepare strategic planning report to be presented to TBR. Hall will complete.
 - Finalize plans for Middle College. McMillan, Robinson and Speck will work with Fire Marshall regarding codes questions for location of Middle College.
- Hall shared some of his preliminary priorities for 2008-09 and 2009-10.

- Hall stated that the strategic plan lacked coordination. Hall and Jackson will be reviewing the strategic plan and will assign individuals to be responsible for keeping the plan on track.
- McQueen stated that the Title III grant process has begun and that our grant proposal will be for a Center for Teacher and Learning Excellence.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m. The next Cabinet meeting will be on Monday, January 28 at 9:00 a.m. in the Iris Room.