Welcome

Welcome to the Spring 2012 meeting of the Campus Assembly. Please sign in if you are voting member so we can establish a quorum. For those who are new to campus, this is the opportunity each semester for students, staff and faculty to meet and discuss campus wide issues, hear committee reports and make changes in committees. Thank you for participating today and a special welcome to our students and the student leaders who have joined us today.

Shared Governance

- Very important for a university
- We are far better together than individually
- We bring a diversity of perspectives
  - Particularly with all the different groups

New Staff and Faculty

- Welcome!
- Could those who are new please introduce themselves?
- Again, welcome. We welcome your new perspectives

News from the State Government

- Folks remain hopeful in an increase in allocation for higher education and UofM
  - Funds to avoid tuition increase considered likely
- Increasing interest in performance metrics related to funding
  - Retention and graduation for underrepresented (low income and students of color)
  - Retention and graduation of majors in STEM and related fields, possible inclusion by campus
- Interest in lowering administrative costs
  - Expect more regarding “spans and layers” as part of “operational excellence”
- Wellness Center still on the capital list
  - Many questions about funding and need –bring them around
  - Visits by Stumpf and Kiel; System folks are working hard
  - State Licensing Board went well to identify architects
  - Still cautiously optimistic
- Thank our students for their presence in large numbers advocacy day
New Administrative Structure at the System

- Chancellors now report directly to President – working well
- Chancellors are having a greater role in the System deliberations, especially interested in budget and capital projects.
- Developing strong relationships with system colleagues – System Campuses
- Video conferencing to avoid long trips

Change in Personnel Here

- Thank Tom for his distinguished service.
  - He will be stepping down in June
  - Great event last night where International students thanked Ardith and him
  - Wish him well as he heads for retirement
- As described in a recent note the recruitment will continue
  - The Search Committee and I agreed that we didn’t quite have the right candidate in this first round
  - Search consultant very optimistic for more candidates this Spring
  - If not, then the committee will work this summer to have candidates available on campus during the first weeks of Fall
  - If needed, then I’ll make an interim appointment
  - Thank the Committee for their desire to keep going and find the right person
  - Thank all you for involvement in VC for Academic Affairs recruitment
  - Each candidate felt good about their visit and left very interested in the position
- Thank Adel Ali and Jack Geller for their service; wish them well on their promotions.
- Bill Peterson has agreed to serve as Interim Department Head for Math, Science and Technology and I am gathering input regarding the Interim Department Head for Liberal Arts and Education which I announce later this month.
- Will be hosting a reception to celebrate the contributions of the folks who are leaving later this term, both faculty and staff.
  - Important to celebrate these transitions and their contributions
  - Completely voluntary
- Finally, we plan to be seeing candidates for the Director of Admissions and Enrollment Management under the direction of Associate Vice Chancellor Peter Phaiah later this month.

Budget

- Thank you for your efforts on the compact process.
  - Our presentation was apparently well received; although we did ask for more than usual - significant needs are outlined on website.
  - Not everything can be included.
  - Hope to hear in May; depends on state budget process.
  - Your wish list helped me and will help the next VCAA understand the needs
• Continue to manage our funds well
  o Able to absorb the 0.8% “reallocation” ($191,000) without reduction in positions or services
  o Strong enrollment is critical to this as tuition dollars make up roughly 2/3 of our budget
• Student Profile
  ▪ 1737 students this Spring (1046 on campus (60%) and 691 on line)
  ▪ 15% students of color (13/17%); 8% International (13/0%)
• Applications and admissions are up for Fall!
  ▪ NHS - applications 13.4% and admits 10.4%
  ▪ NAS - applications 12.2% and admits 17.7%
• Cost to Students
  o With state help will be able to keep tuition flat
  o Most meal plan costs also kept flat
    ▪ However, we will be requiring students who live in our residence halls without kitchens to have a modest plan for reasons of health and safety
  o A modest decrease in student fees
    ▪ Includes $5 for the Wellness Center Reserve (discussing fee structure as we begin construction and when it opens)
  o No increase in technology fee again next year

Capital Projects

• As mentioned earlier, the Wellness Center continues to be a focus
• Residence Hall occupied at the beginning of Spring Semester
  o Congratulations to everyone that was involved
  o Good to get students out of the Northland
  o Still have a few rough edges to smooth out, especially with heating
  o Thank everyone for their patience
  o Lecture Hall will be ready by the Fall
  o Dedication on April 18th with the President and Regents (meet them!)
• Rich has developed his summer list
  o Utilities will be a priority – electrical distribution upgrades.
  o Completion of Heritage Hall (residential and lecture hall)
  o Variety of projects across campus include
    ▪ Fire Sprinklers and safety upgrades in Sahlstrom and UTOC
    ▪ HVAC in Kiehle, Dowell
    ▪ Hill Hall Lab controls
    ▪ Restroom accessibility
    ▪ Pre-Design on Wellness
    ▪ Garage and Storage
    ▪ And many others
  o Rich will be contacting those who will be impacted and will keep folks informed of progress
Recognitions

- We will hold a celebration for faculty and staff accolades in May in an expanded faculty and staff awards luncheon; thank the Awards Committee of the Faculty Assembly for their help with this.
- The list of accolades is very long and includes
  - Campus Honors
    - Including being named on the President’s Honor for Community Service
  - Many faculty and staff awards and honors which will be noted then
    - Including Rachel McCoppin’s honor of receiving the Morse Award for Undergraduate Teaching
- Numerous faculty have been published recently and I have enjoyed having my picture taken with them for various publications – please keep us informed!
- Receipt of grants – both staff and faculty
- And many other staff and faculty honors and achievements will be noted
- In late April we will also be celebrating our students achievements and awards and the list is very long including high performance in competitions of all types
  - I encourage everyone to attend!

Community and Regional Partnerships

- Meetings and more meetings
- Working all sides of the aisle
- Much to be done to “tell our story”
- Lots of good feedback on “The Torch” within the community

Fundraising Projects

- Scholarships – need to directly help our students – top priority
- Academic Programs – grants, foundations, philanthropy
- Wellness and Recreation center (fundraising focus on big donor potential)
- Turf project (fundraising with community/high school)
- We have now raised more than for all of last year.
- A Team Effort – continue to let Development know about needs and prospects.

Meetings on Campus

- Staff and Faculty – hear the stories and experiences
- Students – hear the stories and experiences
Reflections

- I’ll be sharing my thoughts about the campus and our future at the
  - Campus Inauguration Ceremony (which I hope you will attend)
  - State of the Campus address I plan to give in the Fall
- Students are inspirational
  - Care about the place
  - Doing great things
  - As good as you will find anywhere
- Extremely student-centered
  - Staff and Faculty care about the campus
  - Extraordinary commitment to students
- For the region – we are the University of Minnesota
- On a personal note, thank you for making my first year in service as your chancellor so very positive
- I look forward to working with you next year and for many years to come

Other Reports

- Been asked by Tom Sondrol, who is serving as the Chair-Elect of the Systemwide Civil Service Consultative Committee has asked to make a report
  - Executive Committee agreed
  - Mark Belanger has provided a written report