Members Present: J. Behymer, S. Moir, J. Goroski, A. Stangel, N. Abdelhamid, R. Ramakrishna, C. Gross, A. Asperin, B. Lonbaken

Guests Present: President Bresciani and Laura Oster-Aaland, Associate Vice Provost of Enrollment Management

Meeting called to order by Chair Behymer with a welcome and introduction of members and guests. Advisory board members were encouraged to ask questions and points covered included:

- President indicated ABSA will be even more important going forward to assist in determining what’s working with the reorganization and what’s not; the core of Student Affairs (SA) is staying together with Oster-Aaland as senior administrator; reorg will allow for tighter cohesion with Academic Affairs (AA); auxiliaries will be reporting to a different division (Finance and Administration), but they have high-functioning directors and staff who are highly respected; if reorg doesn’t work, we’ll reorg again, but we will remain a student focused organization
- Oster-Aaland provided her background of ‘growing up’ in SA and the move of Enrollment Management (EM) under AA/Provost a year and a half ago; EM has thrived under AA with the Provost challenging staff to be student focused; most importantly with the reorg, there will be no cuts in student services; net changes are that there will be additional departments in AA with Lonbaken assuming a similar role in AA that she has in SA; student conduct and Student Government advisorship are being looked at
- President addressed the legislative issue with NDSU Nursing at Sanford Health in Bismarck, indicating it’s a conversation between legislators and Sanford; relative to the issue of removal from the Northern Tier Network, should this happen we would be the only state not on the network...may end up going to conference committee; aside from the two aforementioned issues, it’s been a pretty good legislative year; there’s concern for the viability of DSU; legislative budget cuts of 20% and its impact on faculty numbers and research addressed, but NDSU is better prepared to handle the budget issues and recover (within 5-10 years)
- Regarding capital projects, Dunbar will be addressed in the next legislative session; Sudro expansion going forward this session with Sanford, who needs nurses, contributing $10 million and a private party $10 million; Gross identified the number of additional nurse graduates the expansion will provide
- What sets NDSU apart? President stated it starts with an individual focus on students (as opposed to groups) and an attempt to assist students with an individual approach; 18,000 still a target, but enrollment greater than that the individual focus gets lost
- Provost is focused on retention and how we compare to other institutions; Student Success Collaborative allows easy access to advisors, and makes faculty more accessible to students
- With 18,000 enrollment, residence halls/building projects identified: new residence hall on campus; replacement of University Village in two phases, which will add space; 1600
block project and possibly 1500 block (3-4 houses left); new Roers building on north University; and project south of Newman Center by a private party

- Oster-Aaland: VPSA role as student advocate will continue, but may look a little different with more individuals playing a role
- Regarding ABSA, members identified its benefits to them (current issues, trends, information), but suggested it should include more of the general student population
- Asked if national and international politics affect his job, President stated national definitely do (student aid, immigration law); lots of regulation possibly being de-regulated, which includes grants; international students have less flexibility related to graduate academic progress
- Free tuition in NY? President stated someone has to pay...it’s a huge tax load; students are currently primary payers with federal and state secondary
- Students asked of President, staff and faculty present, “What would you have done differently at our age?” Travel, learned a second language, been more involved, and more academically focused were responses.

Chair Behymer thanked everyone for their year of service and stated she was willing to work with Oster-Aaland in the future.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Lonbaken, Assistant Vice President for Student Wellness