Meeting called to order by Chair Kiffmeyer.

Guest speaker Patty Corwin was introduced. Patty said she’s interested in students’ experience while at NDSU; how they find their path. Quotes she referred to included, “At the end of life you realize how important the decisions were that you made at the beginning of life” and “Make big mistakes in small places.” Patty stated effort plus hard work equals reward. Patty identified four disciplines/skills all need, while admitting ‘life’s difficult – face it.’

1. Learning to delay gratification
2. Accepting responsibility
3. Dedication to truth; facing reality
4. Balance (i.e., work, home, exercise)

Patty indicated students need to determine their life purpose, which Student Affairs can assist with. She poses three questions to students contemplating changing majors:

1. What do you love to do?
2. What skill(s) did you use during a recent significant experience?
3. What crying need in the world reaches out to and your skills?

Patty closed with: Students need to be given the opportunity to spread their wings. Hopefully, their education experience ends happily and points the way to more happiness.

Nominated for Chairperson by N. Engels: J. Teubner, M. Headlee, and B. Hogie. Teubner and Headlee respectfully declined. The election was tabled until the April meeting.

Discussion took place on the 15 to Finish Task Force report, specifically orientation. Faculty and students shared their positive and negative experiences with orientation, as well as the perceptions of parents. The importance of advising was emphasized, with a faculty member indicating faculty are not paid in the summer in some colleges so they must rely on faculty volunteers for orientation, which can be problematic. Faculty indicated the enjoyment of learning needs to be emphasized, and the expectation that “This is going to be great!”

The next meeting will be April 20, 2015.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
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