NDSU ADVISORY BOARD FOR STUDENT AFFAIRS  
February 23, 2015  
Meinecke Board Room  
Minutes  

Members Present  

Members Absent  
C. Craddock, W. Gordon, J. Miller, C. Ray

Guests  
Bruce Bollinger, Vice President for Finance & Administration  
Mike Ellingson, Director of Facilities Management

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

Approval of January 26, 2015 meeting minutes  
No corrections or additions; minutes approved without objection

Introduction of Bruce Bollinger and Mike Ellingson
Facilities Management Project updates  
Sanford Health Athletic Complex - anticipated completion October, 2016  
STEM building - anticipate completion by January, 2016

Nearing the end of 2013 - 15 Biennium  
Current legislative actions on funding take effect July 1, 2015 for the next 2 years

NDSU has a total of 97 buildings to maintain  
48 buildings are more than 50 years old, another 10 are approximately 90 years old

Questions and Topics of discussion included:  
Legislation regarding legislative involvement with setting tuition  
Session ends April 30 - won't know where funding stands definitively until then  
Status of funding for Dunbar - not currently in the budget bill  
Crossover is Friday, February 27 for the legislature

Article Discussion

*The College Completion Gap Between Rich and Poor Students Has Doubled, Study Says*  
(Huffington Post - 2/3/2015 - by Christine Armario)

Higher Education – is it a private or public good; Costs covered by state and federal government in 1975 (67%) vs. now (27%) - significant statistic; Some populations reluctant to take out loans; Society as a whole views K-12 education a basic right and necessary for an educated citizenry, that was not the case 200 years ago; are we headed toward including Higher Education (or a portion of it) in that expectation;  
Average debt for NDSU graduates is $28,000

Interesting video by Richard Reeves.  
[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t2XFh_tD2RA&sns=em](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t2XFh_tD2RA&sns=em)

Meeting schedule  
March 9, 2015 - Tentatively Patti Corwin, faculty and business consultant  
April 20, 2015 - President Bresciani & brainstorm topics for next year