
Member Absent: Calie Craddock

A group photograph was taken at 5:00 pm.

Chair Corey Haller called the meeting to order and asked for introductions from all in attendance. September meeting minutes were approved. Nominated for Vice Chair were Jessica and Zachary (1½ year term as Corey will be abroad next semester); election will be at the next meeting.

Guest Dr. Beth Ingram, Provost, provided background information on her education and work experience; she also identified what attracted her to NDSU. Additional points made (in response to questions):

- President directed strategic planning process is to be finished; 3 committees established to meet with groups around campus to address the areas of research, learning, and service.
- Committee on learning to look at retention and graduation rates. While our first to second year retention of 77% is respectable, we know many don’t return to go elsewhere/transfer; where do they go and why?
- Important for Academic Affairs and Student Affairs to communicate and collaborate
- Advising – report on central advising has been reviewed, but other models exist as well (i.e., within the colleges, electronically, peer-to-peer, combination of professional and faculty); it’s an area of concern.
- A more clear and accessible Honors Program should be available; ~50 students/year participate at NDSU; Provost asked Board members to send her ideas about the Honors Program.
- History of accreditation by Higher Learning Commission provided, as well as the accreditation process; HLC must be notified when programs added; HLC approval needed when adding new location to avoid duplication; HLC to visit NDSU next October.
- At State of the University address, President indicated additional faculty would be hired; this is a result of the new funding formula for credit hours completed, which is a revenue generator; the strategic plan will assist in identifying priorities and needs for spring.

The Provost expressed appreciation for being at the Advisory Board meeting and encouraged everyone to participate in the strategic planning process.

The next ABSA meeting is tentatively scheduled for November 17th at 5:00 pm; agenda to include a city commissioner, Roosevelt neighborhood representative, a deputy, and Fargo PD officer. VP Alvarez suggested members come with thoughtful questions.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Lonbaken, Dean for Student Wellness