NDSU ADVISORY BOARD FOR STUDENT AFFAIRS
September 26, 2016
Meinecke Board Room
Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Jamie Beyhmer, Spencer Moir, Jacob Goroski, Alex Stangel, Colton Bruhn, Noor Abdelhamid, Mario Jimenez, Calvin Owusu, Joe Manoles, Amelia Everson, Carla Gross, Amelia Asperin, Kevin Brooks, Tim Alvarez, Janna Stoskopf, Barb Lonbaken

VP Alvarez welcomed the ABSA members and reported that he would be securing another faculty member for the Board.

Meeting called to order by Chair Beyhmer with an introduction of members.

Presentation on the Division of Student Affairs and ABSA by VP Alvarez, J. Stoskopf, and B. Lonbaken. (See attached power point.) Highlights included:
- NDSU mission, key components, and land grant heritage
- DSA mission, vision, values, structure, funding sources, advisory boards, learning and service outcomes, and strategic initiatives
- ABSA membership and purpose

Small group discussion took place on the article “Making Modern Toughness” by David Brooks. Questions considered were:
- Are today’s students more “emotionally fragile”?
- What role do “helicopter parents” play?
- How/when do students find their “telos”?
- Do universities encourage students to be “detached and corrosively skeptical”?
- How might we help student develop “toughness”?

Members comments surrounding the article and questions were that the context of the student situation varies from person to person; we’re seeing a generational shift in parenting …kids in high school now raised differently due to access to the Internet; need for students to have transcendent goals that can be achieved in any job/position; student input is important as they see things differently than faculty and staff; and there’s a need to assist students in navigating the higher education system and processes.

The next meeting will be October 24 with a group photograph taken at 5:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Lonbaken
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