



**Chancellor's Cabinet Meeting Minutes  
November 7, 2023**

**In attendance:** Leslie Weldon, Sep Eskandari, Kim Hayworth, Jennifer Lynn, Kathy Kotecki, Krista Montague, Paula Highlander, Mike Bazemore, Brandon Irby and Natalie Preston

**Absent:** Kathleen Thatcher and Stefani Hicswa

**Meeting facilitated by Vice Chancellor Weldon**

**Meeting began at 2:00 p.m.**

**Facilities Updates:** Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance Leslie Weldon reported that there was a water leak caused by a frozen pipe that affected the fire suppression system in the College of Education building during the weekend. The only office disrupted long term is Disability Support Services. Other departments in the building have been able to absorb impacted offices and equipment temporarily. Leslie complimented the University Police Department and Justin Rife, Interim Director of Facilities, for their work to mitigate damage. Leslie has also asked Justin to provide weekly updates on campus facilities on an ongoing basis.

**Campus Store Transition/ First Day Complete:** Vice Chancellor Weldon announced that the campus store has transitioned to being operated by Barnes and Noble College (BNC). Provost Sep Eskandari convened a team to work with BNC to facilitate implementation of the First Day Complete program, which is designed to streamline the process for students to purchase textbooks and materials at the start of each semester.

**School District 2 Early College Program:** Provost Eskandari announced that School District 2 is working to launch a program that will result in high school students graduating with an associate's degree. They have support from the Office of Public Instruction and are working on partnerships with local colleges and universities. Provost Eskandari emphasized the importance of working with SD2 so that MSUB has input to the design and implementation of this program.

**Alma Mater:** Provost Eskandari announced that the faculty of the Music Department has completed a version of the Alma Mater that can be played on the carillon. The Provost played the version of the song for the group. Discussion followed on whether playing it once daily at 12:00 noon would be most appropriate and make the song familiar to campus.

**Alcohol Policy:** Dean of Students Kathy Kotecki presented the revised draft of the Alcohol Policy. Discussion followed. Kathy will request advice from MSU Legal Counsel regarding the questions brought up in discussion about alcohol service at the Foundation and Chancellor's residence.

**Yellowjacket Excellence Award:** MSUB Foundation and Alumni CEO Krista Montague spoke about the renewable Yellowjacket Excellence Award. This scholarship will be the focus of fundraising efforts for the upcoming Giving Tuesday. The Foundation will also be planning a special event for MSUB employees who are alumni that will take place in August.

**Healthy Minds Survey:** Vice Chancellor for Student Access and Success Kim Hayworth announced that MSUB will participate in the MUS Healthy Minds Survey. The survey, which has sections on mental health, knowledge of, and utilization of campus and community health resources, was created by Michigan State University and has been administered to campuses nationwide. MSUB faculty, students and staff will be asked to participate. Completion of IRB paperwork and the survey contract are being finalized.

**Article Discussion:** Academic Senate Chair Jennifer Lynn led discussion on the article “By Abandoning Civics, Colleges Helped Create the Culture Wars,” a Guest Essay published in the New York Times in September and written by higher education administrators Debra Satz and Dan Edelstein.

**Meeting concluded at 3:45 p.m.**

Minutes by Natalie Preston