



'Jacket Leadership Team Meeting Agenda January 9, 2024

Meeting began at 2:00 p.m.

Introduction of New Members:

Chancellor Hicswa announced that Eileen Wright has been appointed as Library Director, and welcomed Ryan Morris, Director of Environmental Health and Safety.

School District 2 Update:

Chancellor Hicswa provided an update on School District 2 (SD2) plans to develop an early college program for high school students, in addition to the ongoing Dual Enrollment program in which MSUB and SD2 partner. SD2 is awaiting the Montana Board of Public Education decision on funding and other parts of the plan that have yet to be determined. Discussion followed.

Culture of Philanthropy:

Chancellor Hicswa discussed the importance of campus-wide support for the scholarship campaign that is being led by the MSUB Foundation and Alumni. She will invite faculty member Anne Cole, former Executive Director of the Education Foundation, to speak to 'Jacket Leadership Team at a future meeting about building a culture of philanthropy.

Facilities Update:

Justin Rife, Director of Facilities, provided an update of ongoing facilities projects. He and his team are working to create standards for every area of campus that he will share. Many projects will begin during the summer months. Currently, the department is operating with fewer staff members than is optimal and has a high rate of absence due to seasonal illness.

Enrollment Update:

Kim Hayworth, Vice Chancellor for Student Access and Success, provided the most recent enrollment data for spring. Headcount is down 0.6% percent (21 students), but undergraduate enrollment is higher than last year's numbers. Graduate enrollment is lower than last year, but this is in line with the national trend. Additionally, we will welcome 400 new students at the start of spring semester.

Retention and Graduation Update:

Provost Sep Eskandari and Katie Moffat, Retention Director, provided an update on the initiatives of the Retention and Graduation Plan. They also introduced the new registration tracking dashboard on Tableau. Cheri Johannes, Registrar and Director of the Office of Academic Success, spoke about the team's work to ease access to tools for success for students.

Athletics Update:

Mike Bazemore, Director of Intercollegiate Athletics, discussed the athletic and academic achievements of student athletes. The average GPA of student athletes is 3.23, and 34 are currently maintaining a 4.0. MSUB had 25 students named Great Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC) academic all-conference athletes.

Alcohol Policy Draft (second reading):

The team reviewed the revised Alcohol Policy draft. Kurt Toenjes, Dean of the College of Health Professions and Science, moved to approve; the motion was seconded by Mike Bazemore and the motion passed unanimously. Provost Eskandari recommended that an announcement about the new policy be made to campus.

***Gracious Space* Follow-up led by Amber West Martin and Sunny Day Real Bird:**

'JLT members were asked to share about their experiences of meeting one-on-one after the "Invite the Stranger" exercise.

***Gracious Space* Discussion led by Brandon Irby on pp. 37-64:**

Brandon Irby, Director of Communications and Marketing presented from the *Gracious Space* reading about "learning in public".

Meeting concluded at 3:34 p.m.