

CABINET MEETING COMMUNIQUE  
MEETING OF APRIL 13, 2005

Present: Crew, Dilworth, Hanson, Jones, Larry Monk (Guest), P. Moulton, Pierce, D. Seymour, Webb

- Larry Monk, QEP Committee Chair, reported on the committee's progress in compiling information and developing possible concepts for consideration in the development of the University's QEP (Quality Enhancement Plan), as required by SACS.
- Dr. Hanson reported on a breakfast meeting he and Dr. Webb had earlier in the morning with the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate. He reminded Cabinet members of the NCATE Mock Visit during which visiting team members will be on campus Saturday through Thursday. Our teacher education program received "Exemplary Status" for the second consecutive year, and the Computer Information Systems student team won the national championship in Systems Analysis and Design in AITP competition in Atlanta, GA, for the fifth consecutive year.
- Dr. Moulton provided information about the University's Title III grant through which the University will receive approximately \$1.8M over a five-year period, beginning October 1, 2005.
- Dr. Webb told the group that Northwestern is one of the universities in Louisiana contributing to a statewide grant proposal to be submitted under the GEAR UP program. Our component includes an emphasis upon the University of Louisiana System's "R U READY?" campaign, to provide information to public school students about university admission criteria.
- Mr. Dilworth shared information regarding the planned demolition of Rapides Hall this coming fall semester, energy management measures to be carried out by the University, a possible performance contract to effect additional cost savings, and the upcoming custodial agreement. He also reminded Cabinet members of the reception at the President's Residence this evening to honor academic excellence among Northwestern freshman students.
- Dr. Seymour reported on progress in the development of the University's unique one-card system; the Wellness, Recreation, and Activity Center; and the new student housing project.
- Mr. Pierce reported on various alumni meetings around the state and in east Texas and informed the group that Northwestern was second in Louisiana only to Tulane in its APR (Academic Progress Rate) calculated by the NCAA. Widely acclaimed journalism professor, Dr. John Merrill, will fill the Erbon and Marie Wise Family Endowed Chair in Journalism at Northwestern this fall semester.

- Mr. Jones presented budget information to the group for review and discussion.