

CABINET MEETING COMMUNIQUE
MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 06, 2005

Present: Crew, Dilworth, Hanson, Jones, Moulton, Pierce, Webb

- Northwestern has participated in the two statewide telephone conferences among higher education officials held recently in connection with Hurricane Katrina. A third is scheduled for Wednesday, September 8. Cabinet members are invited to participate through a dial-up in the President's Conference Room.
- The Cabinet discussed the hurricane shelter on the campus that is currently housing approximately 750 Katrina evacuees on a long-term basis. Northwestern faculty, staff, and students, along with numerous volunteers are involved in accommodating the needs of these guests. Northwestern employees playing vital roles include Donna Motter Anderson, Cynthia Davis, William Dickens, and Tammie Pezant.
- Discussion centered on additional, legitimate means by which the University can assist Katrina victims housed on the campus.
- Displaced faculty and staff who wish to work for Northwestern until their employment situations firm up at their home campuses may volunteer to work here. The procedure will be to process the form used for volunteer employees. Displaced employees should contact their home institution. If they are employed at state colleges or universities, their salary will be paid by the home institution.
- Some University employees have suggested that Northwestern consider establishing a four-day week, to help commuting personnel offset increased gasoline costs. The Cabinet determined that this is not feasible, since the University would necessarily have to remain open five days per week to serve the public, so that there would be no institutional cost savings.
- Vice-Presidents agreed to submit their Quality Assurance evaluations to Dr. Webb by September 15.
- Dr. Hanson reminded the Cabinet of meetings that he has scheduled to strengthen communication between administrators and faculty. Dr. Webb asked that all Cabinet members try to attend these sessions, so that we can provide as much information to the faculty as possible.