

CABINET MEETING COMMUNIQUE
MEETING OF OCTOBER 14, 2005

Present: Crew, Dilworth, Hanson, Jones, Dr. Chris Maggio (Guest), Moulton, Pierce, Webb

- The Cabinet discussed the follow-up visit of the past two days relative to the NCHEMS and Noel-Levitz reviews of last year. Our guest reviewers, Mr. Craig Engel (Noel-Levitz) and Dr. Ken Mortimer (NCHEMS) will file their official, written report with ULS President Sally Clausen in a few weeks. Their informal comments during the exit interview appear to indicate that they felt the Cabinet is meeting regularly and functioning effectively as a team. Both made helpful suggestions to people whom they interviewed. In particular, Dr. Mortimer suggested that we incorporate into our strategic planning process an emphasis upon departments making economies and obtaining additional revenues from diversified sources (e.g., private and corporate gifts, external grants and contracts).
- The Cabinet discussed targeted savings required by the state as a result of the adverse impact of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita on state budget revenues. Although Northwestern is likely to be hit hard by the resulting cuts to its appropriation, the Cabinet has established as parameters that there should be no elimination of programs or personnel.
- Dr. Hanson reminded the group that the NCATE team evaluating our teacher and professional education programs for reaffirmation of accreditation will be here October 22-26.
- Chris Maggio entered the meeting at this point and provided copies of a proposed "Alumni Plaza," to be constructed as a courtyard in the center of the Creating and Performing Arts Complex. It will create an attractive area and serve as a means of raising funds through alumni and friends of Northwestern. Dr. Maggio will present the proposal at today's meetings of the Boards of Directors of the NSU Alumni Association and NSU Foundation, in connection with Homecoming 2005.
- Cabinet members agreed to meet again Monday, October 17, at 8:00 a.m.