

CABINET MEETING COMMUNIQUE  
MEETING OF APRIL 04, 2006

Present: Greg Burke (Guest), Crew, Dilworth, Hanson, Moulton, Pierce, Webb

- Mr. Pierce introduced Mr. Burke who informed the Cabinet that, thanks to the votes of Northwestern alumni, friends, faculty, staff, students, and administrators, the University won the Pontiac Game-Changing Scholarship of \$100,000 during the NCAA Tournament. Northwestern received more votes than the total of the three other universities—LSU, University of Texas, and UCLA—and six times as many votes as the closest contender. This money, along with \$7,000 additional funds garnered in the Tournament, will come to the University and will be used to endow scholarships outside of athletics. Mr. Burke pointed out that Northwestern's men's basketball team had an APR (Academic Progress Rate) cited by the NCAA as ranking within the top 10% of Division I schools in the nation and that women's soccer was within a whisker of being in the top 10% nationally in that sport. The Cabinet commended Mr. Burke and expressed its appreciation for these achievements.
- Dr. Webb distributed copies a recently published SACS document, *Resource Manual for the Principles of Accreditation*.
- Dr. Moulton disseminated copies of a draft conceptual framework for the University's QEP (Quality Enhancement Plan) required by SACS. Our SACS contact person, Dr. Rudy Jackson, is to visit the campus April 21, and we want to share a copy of the draft with him prior to the visit. The Cabinet recommended minor modifications to the draft.
- Dr. Webb distributed copies of Mr. Jones' goals, objectives, and accomplishments for the most recent quarter. He reminded other vice presidents to complete theirs soon, especially since we hope tentatively to close out the final quarter of the fiscal year around mid-May.
- Mr. Jones said the System Office now requires that laboratory fees receive staff approval at that level.
- Dr. Webb briefly reported on a conference call of ULS campus presidents conducted at 3:00 p.m. last Friday by Dr. Sally Clausen.
- Mr. Jones reported on the status of Phase II of the University Student Housing Project and the One-Card System proposal received from People's State Bank.

- Mr. Dilworth informed the Cabinet that he feels it is essential to restore the funds cut this fiscal year from the custodial contract with Red River Sanitors, and that we should carefully monitor the quality of their work. Otherwise, the conditions of campus grounds and buildings will suffer.
- Mr. Crew suggested that the University work with Sheriff Victor Jones to use inmate labor on the campus, so long as it is done in such a manner that faculty, staff, and students will be safe and secure. Other universities in the State, as well as state office buildings use inmate labor under certain conditions. Mr. Dilworth concurred in this suggestion. The Cabinet authorized Mr. Dilworth to use inmate labor under the conditions discussed.
- Mr. Pierce pointed out that replacement of the artificial surface in Turpin Stadium must be included in next year's Capital Outlay Request Budget.
- Dr. Moulton informed the Cabinet of position vacancies in Student Affairs and asked that consideration be given to filling some of the positions once we have further information about the University's financial condition for next fiscal year.
- Mr. Crew said he will be meeting this afternoon with the principals of the Northwestern elementary and middle laboratory schools to assess their priority needs for next year.
- Dr. Hanson said he arranged to have Dusty Luneau, Space Science, assist Information Systems with user support services on a part-time basis.