

CABINET MEETING COMMUNIQUE  
MEETING OF MAY 10, 2007

Present: Crew, Hanson, Jones, Pierce, Webb; Guest, Leah Jackson

- Mrs. Jackson made a presentation based on a national conference she attended recently on institutional marketing and communication. A significant amount of the presentation and ensuing discussion centered on institutional websites.
- The Cabinet discussed student recruitment and retention and the need to increase the numbers of new and continuing students.
- Dr. Webb asked Mr. Jones to distribute to Cabinet members updated reports of movable property that has not been located or was reported as stolen. Dr. Webb asked that Cabinet members pursue additional measures to try and locating missing items and report to him of their progress by June 1.
- The Cabinet discussed campus safety and security strategies. Dr. Webb reported that he had asked Dr. Hanson to explore the feasibility of creating a centralized campus counseling center that might incorporate the use of graduate program interns to support the current counseling program and possibly provide assistance to the QEP initiative.
- Dr. Webb asked Cabinet members to discuss in advance with him any plans they might have for leave or attending off-campus meetings or conferences.
- The Cabinet discussed general budgetary matters and will await the action of the Legislature this session before discussing specifics related to the Governor's higher education funding package.
- Mr. Jones reported that the new food services lease is in the hands of the System Attorney and that we hope to receive a timely response.
- Mr. Jones indicated that the Division of Administration has granted its approval to Phase II of Northwestern's student housing project, which means it will go next to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee. We are awaiting action by Facilities Planning and Control as to whether our proposed square footage per student occupant is acceptable.