

Cabinet Meeting 8/12/2019

Attending: Tim, Mike, Beth, Dottie, Bill, Barry, Edward and Sue

Guests: Dwight, Pam, AJ, Angela, and Dave, Chris Perry, Jon Blanchard, Ashley Hall, Wendy Bradstreet

Tim—Michael Dunlop is in the area and renting a house ... should be around by the end of this week and will begin on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

- Administrative days draft has been sent. We have requested a presentation from Tom Emnot, faculty member from EM, who made a presentation at Dirigo Institute regarding how to engage students in the classroom.
- Orientation for Michael Dunlop will include the accreditation standard information as a way to become familiar with NM. **A schedule will go out in the middle of the week.** Department Chairs should be prepared to familiarize him with the programs in each area. Bill will look at Standards 5 & 6. Mike will explain all Institutional Resources to him and how budget works. Dottie will look at Standards 4, 8.9. Barry will acquaint him with facilities and operations.
- Conversations about LPN expansion and EMS cohort in Calais: can we grow these programs? Discussion with the System is underway. We have to look at the ability to do clinicals. **We will submit a budget.** PN education expansion through a Quality Center program—perhaps 32 students on campus or elsewhere. If System can't help through Quality Center, we eventually could try to do it ourselves.

Dottie—Preliminary Golf Tournament proceeds are \$16,500 total.

- Irving Woodlands and Louisiana Pacific have signed up for the Skeet shoot.
- **Name tag and business card needs? She will send to all offices to determine what's needed.**
- Reunion for drafting class of '74. Photo has been added to Facebook. Tim says there are drawings in CAD lab that may date to that time period.

Bill—To date the enrollment is 546 students registered for fall. 6380 credit hours. Jumped by 23 FTE in last week and a half. About 75 off from last year at this time. Freshmen are down across the board.

Tim—We will put together a cohort in Wells for Water Treatment. Tim would like to be part of the discussion with AJ and Dr. Collamore re: LifeFlight Academy and training needed.

Bill—Are we all set with ADA accommodations for testing students with ADHD/ADD—reduced distraction testing? We will find space for this need as Academic Success Center is moved. Many of these tests need to be proctored.

Tim—learning management system chosen is D2L and training will take place early in the year. We want to be online by January. Robert, Jen Graham and JR are working on that now and we hope that programming/transition can take place in-house.

Beth—Minimum wage is going up to \$12 in January. We will keep contracts at \$11 for work-study students until 1/1/2020 to save money.

- Assistant Director of Financial Aid job has been posted. Brian Hall is the new Financial Aid Director. Norma is retiring...she was actually a student here some time ago.

Tim—E-Sports group—Ashley Hall presented. Believes students would love this as an extracurricular activity. Perhaps it could support our campus and lots of opportunity for growth. (Chris) Electronic sports as opposed to physical sports—hand/eye coordination. 40 years ago was the first big tournament by Atari—10,000 people were involved. Will be a \$5 billion industry by 2020; audience is predicted to be 600 million. (Edward) There is a collegiate association across the nation overseeing the sport, supporting the tournaments. Harvard and Purdue are currently involved in the league for intercollegiate competition. \$15 million in scholarships last year. There is also a high school league. Popular because anyone can join. Many Maine schools, including Central Aroostook, Westbrook, Waterville, Brunswick are included in the league and that might help us recruit. Two colleges in Maine are already involved. Issue for local high schools might be budgetary to put in technology. (Griffin)—in 2018 the Pew Research Center found that 97% of teen boys and 83% of girls are gamers. Video tournament League of Legions was the second most-watched event in 2018, right behind the Super Bowl for an audience...people can win millions of dollars. Total number of gamers in America is 192 million. Of those watching the sport, 72% are male, and ages 21-35 is the main age group. (Chris) Spectrum is building a \$350 million arena in Philadelphia for E-Sports spectators. (Edward) Kids are learning by watching the experts do something. (Chris) says with E-Sports one must interact with others and communicate, planning, strategic thinking, no need for violence. (Ashley) E-Sports helps students with interpersonal skills, manage success and failure. (Wendy) says potential students ask what is available on campus for recreation. There would need to be limited hours of gameplay; maintenance of GPA, must show up at competitions, just like regular sports team. (Jon)—engagement is important to persistence, positive, safe activity, helps students become comfortable on campus. (Wendy) Student attraction, recruitment and retention. Students need excitement both playing and watching. A survey was sent out this summer to students, faculty and staff, and 53% responded they like to play video games. There could be learning applications/opportunities for software development, competitive business marketing. (Ashley) says it's important to remove the stigma around video gamers.

Tim—We should look at the academic implications: we could look into teaching programming. We should be engaged with using the technology in a teaching application. Video game industry is huge as is development of apps. This could be an exciting opportunity.

Pam likes the extra-curricular part of this and is open to the idea of academic programming. Jon says it's not necessary to be in a particular geographical location to be successful in this industry.

AJ says the idea is low risk. Perhaps academic gaming design program is a possibility.

Ashley says some students have brought this idea to the business program of our campus already. Used video game to put a business together.

Barry says technology (graphics, etc.) different set of needs. We have the bandwidth to accomplish this. Barry is working on even better internet connection—more important than cable television for resident life. The technology he's considering is expandable.

Dottie—can we keep up with other technology needed? Barry says yes, but there would be an initial cost. Would need a dedicated space and Wendy says that would be great to show on her admission's tour. CM has built a 1100 square-foot area with air conditioning. We might consider Martin room 211. Bill says CM got 150 applicants for their program in the first year.

Tim says this may not be the time to roll idea out because of its connection to violence. Edward says we would not include any violent games. Bill says we need institutional involvement, measuring time online...could entail high-end monitoring; students must attend regular classes. Could also require an element of personal wellness: time in the gym to stay physically healthy. He has concerns about cost. We opted out of Maine is IT because there was not enough support from faculty to develop skill sets. Could be intercollegiate events, but would need support from faculty. Tim says it will be introduced as a possibility to entire faculty.

Bill—Orientation on Thursday—could the jackhammering stop near the gym between 7:30 and 9 a.m.? Barry made the crew aware of the orientation but doesn't feel he can ask workers to stop working.

Edward—Dean Duplissis successfully wrapped up instruction with Arundel Machine Tool. He instructed 61 students.

Wrapping things up with Twin Rivers to develop a plan for them and **will be submitted to Dan by Wednesday.**

Dottie—Ted Shapiro wrote about the possibility of a class, but we won't take him up on it.

Barry got an extension to Sept 30 from SafetyWorks.

- He has a change order for the mitigation of the floor which can't happen until change order is signed; we are up against a September 1 date when they're supposed to start.
- Tomorrow morning meeting on Reed Commons.
- Harriman will be on campus for land survey and hazardous materials survey.

Tim—Professional Logging contractors had a great meeting with Senator Collins and it looks like the legislature's Appropriations Committee and others want to visit. We have to keep this under control.

- Noel Gallagher –System's Director of Communications and Public Relations will be here tomorrow and Wednesday for orientation to the campus.
- President Daigler will be here on 19. Tim wants to make sure to meet all of the System folks that visit.
- Tim sent evaluation forms to everyone--please do them this week.

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