

**University Cabinet Meeting**  
**August 28, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. – Bump Lounge**

**Attendees:** Laurie Anderson, Ann Brentlinger, Darcy Briggs, Joe Dlugos, Shelly Grinager, Cory Headley, Jade Herman, Kurt Katzenstein, Sam Kessinger, Joel Lueken, Angela Mettler, Maribeth Price, Jim Rankin, Jerilyn Roberts, Lance Roberts, Chris Roman, Bryan Schumacher, Bill Spindle, Dawn Weiss, Mike West, Joseph Wright

1. Administrative Unit Presentation
  - a. Student Engagement – Cory Headley
    - i. Rocker Ready orientation: online portion moved to D2L from third-party program.
    - ii. Students who participate in Rocker Connections weekend persist, retain, and graduate at a higher rate versus those who didn't.
    - iii. Rapid City Mayor Jason Salamun will be our Constitution Day speaker.
    - iv. Student Engagement and Student Association offices are moving upstairs.
    - v. April 2024: second cohort of Leadership Summit
2. Academic Department Presentation
  - a. Materials & Metallurgical Engineering – Mike West
    - i. Enrollment of 100 students; target of 120.
    - ii. Critical minerals is an important research area. Dr. Carlson is PI on critical minerals effort from Dept. of Energy.
    - iii. Art+Engineering is now in its second year.
      1. Two classes were added this year; industries are looking for people with ceramics backgrounds. There are only three ceramics programs in the United States, one of which is brand new at the Colorado School of Mines.
      2. Ceramics minor established this year.
      3. New modules using ceramics introduced in metallurgical and mechanical engineering classes.
      4. Future plans include a new Foundry and eventually expansion into allowing community members (schools, artists) to use it.
3. Approval of minutes from 5/22/23 meeting: moved – Price; seconded – L. Roberts.  
Minutes approved.
4. Monthly Reports
  - a. Academic Affairs and Enrollment – Lance Roberts
    - i. Graduate Education – Maribeth Price
  - b. Athletics – Joel Lueken
  - c. Center for Alumni Relations & Advancement – Shelli Grinager
  - d. CSA Council – Angela Mettler

- e. Faculty Senate – Kurt Katzenstein
- f. Finance & Administration – Bill Spindle
  - i. Facilities, Risk, & Services – Jerilyn Roberts
  - ii. Human Resources – Dawn Weiss
  - iii. Information Technology Services – Bryan Schumacher
- g. Marketing & Communications – Ann Brentlinger
- h. NFE Council – Chris Roman
- i. President’s Office – Jim Rankin
  - i. Governor’s hotline: a student complained that an instructor asked students to identify their pronouns. This is not allowed under current policies.
- j. Research Affairs – Laurie Anderson
  - i. Economic Development – Joseph Wright
- k. Student Association – Samuel Kessinger
  - i. GAF funds; considering increasing GAF fee
  - ii. Freshmen senator elections are Sept. 27
- l. Student Development – Joe Dlugos

5. Old Business

6. New Business

- a. Policies
  - i. Excused Absences – Matt Hanley
    - 1. Interviews within 7 days of the Career Fair be excused.
      - a. Motion to suspend the rules and pass in one reading: so moved; motion passes.
      - b. Moved to approve policy: Grinager, seconded L. Roberts. Policy approved.
  - ii. F&A Distribution – Laurie Anderson
    - a. Motion to suspend the rules and pass in one reading: Herman, L. Roberts. Motion passes.
    - b. Moved to pass: Spindle, Herman. Policy approved.
  - iii. Research Centers – Laurie Anderson
    - a. Motion to approve first reading: L. Roberts, Spindle. First reading approved.
  - iv. Chain of Command – Jerilyn Roberts
    - a. Motion to suspend the rules and pass in one reading: Price, L. Roberts. Motion passes.
    - b. Moved to approve: Anderson, Herman. Policy approved.
  - v. Assessing User Fees, Scheduling Events & Conferences – Jerilyn Roberts
    - a. Moved to approve first reading: so moved; motion passes. First reading approved.
    - b. Discussion held on the possibility of student orgs being exempted from charges.

- vi. Memorials – Jerilyn Roberts
  - a. Moved to approve first reading: Brentlinger, Lueken. First reading approved.

Adjourn: moved – Grinager; seconded – L. Roberts. Meeting adjourned.