

# Interim VPAA Blog

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## Cabinet Notes - September 6, 2011

CABINET MEETING NOTES  
Tuesday, September 6, 2011

University Committee Assignments: Dr. Bahr relayed that the majority of committee assignments have been completed. Information will be sent out from the President's office in the next few weeks.

Capital Projects Update: Current projects are progressing (see attached update). Discussions regarding future housing needs continue. Housing development consultants will be brought in to help determine renovation and/or construction needs. Discussions regarding the development of a university master plan will help determine the direction of the university and will focus on prioritized needs and resources.

Strategic Management Plan Update: Dean Boren updated the cabinet on discussions and work being done in this area. Shifting from target numbers to an enhanced student profile will be the focus.

Information and data are being gathered to aid in a common core change and/or update that will produce students that are more academically prepared.

Oklahoma State Regents' for Higher Education Program: OSRHE will hold its Annual Regents' Education Conference in September 2011. Cabinet members will attend this one day program.

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## Extended Cabinet Notes - August 30, 2011

EXPANDED CABINET NOTES

### ABOUT ME



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I am serving a third time as Interim Vice President for

Academic Affairs. This fall will begin my 28th year at NSU with 21 of those years in the Office of Academic Affairs.

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Once each month an expanded group will join Cabinet to discuss issues and opportunities. Members of the expanded group are encouraged, by Interim President Tadlock, to share topics related to the overall function of the university and items important to the campus community. Focus will be placed on preparations for the NCATE and HLC accreditation visits to ensure successful visits.

**City of Firsts Representation:** Amber Fite explained to the group the history and current representation of the City of Firsts Committee. The committee consists of City, NSU and Cherokee Nation representatives in a collaborative effort to enhance the community as a whole. NSU needs more representation. Those interested may contact Amber for details.

**HLC Update:** Dr. Tom Jackson updated the group on activities related to the upcoming HLC visit. The visit is scheduled for March 26-28, 2012. A timeline was given for the review of documents in order for the final formatting to be completed. The group was reminded about ongoing DUK activities and events that are available to the NSU community. These activities and events are being offered to ensure the entire campus community is involved in this process. There have been and continue to be several individuals involved in this project. Presently, activities are on schedule and plans are being made for the final version to be completed and will to be sent to our Review Committee in January 2012.

**Capital Projects Update:** Current projects are progressing (see attached update). Emphasis was placed on two projects. 1. Diligent work is happening toward the beginning of the Event Center project. Plans to deal with storm water run-off are currently being evaluated. Work is scheduled to begin in the next 60-90 days. 2. Housing development consultants will be brought in to help determine renovation and/or construction needs. A decision on who will be assisting will be made in September 2011.

**Committee Assignments:** Dr. Janet Bahr updated the group on the status of campus wide committee assignments. Lists are being finalized and notifications should be sent out in 2-3 weeks from the President's Office.

**State and Federal Update:** Mr. Mark Kinders updated the group on the ongoing opportunities within the state and federal areas that are being addressed. The RUSO Board has requested Mr. Kinders lead a "Regents' Advancement Committee" that will involve representatives from all of the RUSO institutions. This group will focus on studies related to an environmental scan, budget issues, building relationships with state and federal representatives, and working toward a quality message within the RUSO institutions in an effort to advance Oklahoma forward. NSU will continue to work with congressional offices to promote our programs, initiatives and earmarks. With 91% of students staying in Oklahoma after graduation, we will need to be well prepared and well armed to make a contribution. Parents, students, and community members can help by contacting legislators.

**Retention and Graduation:** Discussions regarding retention and graduation related to a shift from quantitative to qualitative programming. The Complete College America initiative is a national trend to push for degree completion. Grants are being awarded to support initiatives to improve graduation/retention rates. NSU's strategic enrollment efforts hope to

identify measures to promote progress. Clarification must be made on what our student profile should be. A strategic plan will be drafted, sent out for feedback and then forwarded to the President and Provost for approval. Our strategic branding message needs to say that we are growing intentionally with purpose and raising the bar to higher quality academic programming. Our students must be prepared. This shift will focus on outcomes not just numbers.

**Creative Oklahoma-One day event:** Creative Oklahoma will hold a one day event in Oklahoma City on November 1, 2011. NSU will sponsor this event. This sponsorship will cover 15 registration slots. NSU will send 10 students and 5 faculty/staff. A campus wide call for interest will go out from the President's Office next week. Students may contact Kathleen Kennedy and faculty/staff may contact the Dean Paul Westbrook to be put on a list. Preference will be given to those that attended last year's Creative World Forum event.


**Financial Aid Awards:** Dr. Bahr announced that financial awards were on track with very few issues. Awards were posted on the target date. Refunds are on schedule and are being planned for September 1. A special thank you goes out to Student Support Services, Financial Aid, and IT staff for their extra efforts over the weekend to make things happen on time.

#### Announcements:

Dr. Tadlock announced that we had a very good opening to the fall semester and he is proud of all. The overall student perception is very positive.

Dean Laura Boren traveled to Texas where she will defend her Ph.D. It was announced later on in the day that she passed. Please congratulate Dr. Boren.

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**TUESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2011**

## Cabinet Meeting Notes - August 23, 2011

### CABINET MEETING NOTES

Tuesday, August 23, 2011

1. Broken Arrow Update: Dr. Jenlink reported that BA has had a few students completely withdraw since the first week of classes. Cari Keller will lead a group to discuss ways to enhance class offerings and efforts will be underway to eliminate conflicts in classroom scheduling. Broken Arrow campus will host a BA Chamber luncheon that will feature Oklahoma Lt. Gov. Todd Lamb as the guest speaker on Sept. 15. An impressive list of media clips regarding the 2011 Launch of the College of Extended Learning was distributed.

2. Community Member Death Notification Procedures: The NSU Policy Committee will be asked to review existing policy regarding procedures for death notifications of community members. This policy determines which office develops and disperses the notification depending upon certain criteria.

3. Reserve Funds Summary: Discussions regarding FY12 Reserve Funds Summary explained ways in which NSU will strategically place available reserve funds to address deficits and future operation needs to facilitate a balanced budget.

4. Higher Education Insight Survey 2011: Northeastern participated in the Chronicle for Higher Education "Great Colleges to Work For" Program for 2011. This program is designed to recognize institutions that have been successful in creating great workplaces and to further research and understanding for the factors that influence organizational culture within higher education. Results of the survey were discussed and a decision to participate again in 2012 was approved. Cabinet members are encouraged by the participation of faculty and staff in the ongoing enhancements at NSU and anticipate increased percentages in the 2012 survey.

5. OCI Citizens Academy: Nominations of faculty and staff were discussed and a decision to nominate Ken Jones was approved. Ken accepted the nomination and has submitted his application to participate in this year's Citizens Academy.

6. Continuation of Employee Leadership Development Program: The inaugural class of the NSU Leadership Development Program is in its last weeks. Discussions to further the program determined that the model will be reassessed. Consideration will be based on how to engage the participants after completion of the program. Program objectives will be assessed and further cabinet discussions will help improve future programs.





7. Forums, Brown Bags, and Campus Communications: Discussions regarding forums, brown bag luncheons, and campus communications was tabled until next cabinet meeting. A Cabinet Brown Bag Luncheon will be scheduled during October.

8. Capital Projects Update: Current projects are progressing with no major changes reported (see attached update). A redesign of the Event Center project may reflect additional space that could increase the number of available seats. City officials continue to support the project and are hoping to develop ways in which to help fund infrastructure needs.

9. Enrollment Report: During Add/Drop week it was determined that overall only ten students withdrew. It was explained that approximately 6,000 students have not determined how they wish their financial aid to be disbursed within the online system. Information will be sent out to students to help guide them through the process. Financial Aid disbursements will be delayed a couple of days to allow for the correction of over awards. Students will be notified. Enrollment Management will begin looking at ways to enhance disbursement processes for future semesters. An action plan will be developed moving toward the spring semester. Enrollment Management is working with Career Services to develop a strategic plan for the assurance that Career Services is serving students to the best of their ability. The action plan will be presented to the Interim President and Interim Provost in the near future for approval. NSU and TCC will review articulation agreements on Oct. 6, 2011 at the BA campus. High School and College Relations will

begin conducting counselor education in the near future. Recruitment needs will be the focus of academic priorities. Banner training and implementation continues on schedule.

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**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2011**

## Beloit College Mindset List

Here is the latest Beloit College Mindset List for college freshmen this year. It is always very interesting. These freshmen students have always had the internet! And I don't know about you, but it kind of weirds me out to hear them talk about "last century." Enjoy!

Annual Beloit College mindset list will make you feel old

- \* e-mail
- \* print

By The Associated Press

Aug. 23, 2011 |

Mention Amazon to the incoming class of college freshmen and they are more likely to think of shopping than the South American river. PC doesn't stand for political correctness and breaking up on Facebook is more common than any more personal encounter.

These are among the 75 references on this year's Beloit College Mindset List, a compilation intended to remind teachers that college freshmen born mostly in 1993 see the world in a much different way: They fancied pogs and Tickle Me Elmo toys as children, watched televisions that never had dials and their lives have always been like a box of chocolates.

Once upon a time, relatives of the current generation swore never to trust anyone over the age of 30. This group could argue: Never trust anyone older than the Net.

The college's compilation, released Tuesday, is assembled each year by two officials at the private school in southeastern Wisconsin. It also has evolved into a national phenomenon, a cultural touchstone that entertains even as it makes people wonder where the years have gone.

Remember when the initials LBJ referred to President Lyndon B. Johnson? Today, according to the list, they make teenagers think of NBA star LeBron James. And speaking of NBA legends, these kids didn't want to be like Mike. They fawned over Shaq and Kobe.

In their lifetimes, Major League Baseball has always had three divisions plus wild-card playoff teams, and every state has always observed Martin Luther King Day. The "yadda, yadda, yadda" generation that's been quoting Seinfeld

since they were old enough to talk also has always seen women serve as U.S. Supreme Court justices and command U.S. Navy ships.

Then there's OJ Simpson. These students were still in diapers when the former NFL star began searching for the killers of Nicole Simpson and Ronald Goldman.

"Hmm, I know there was some scandal about him," said Alex Keesey, 18, an incoming freshman from Beloit. "I think it was robbery or murder, maybe both."

Comments like that can be a little jarring to older folks who imagine that everyone knows about the Simpson murder trial and subsequent acquittal. But if the generation gap has you down, get used to it. The list's authors note that technology has only accelerated the pace of change and further compressed the generational divide.

Older Americans who read previous Mindset Lists felt that life was moving too quickly, list author Ron Nief said, and now even younger people share that sentiment.

"I talk to people in their early 30s and they're telling me they can't keep up with all the advances," Nief said.

Nief's co-author, English professor Tom McBride, predicts the trend will only accelerate.

"If you look at the jump from email to texting, or from email to Facebook, it's been faster than the jump from typing to computers," McBride said. "These generational gaps are getting smaller."

Still not feeling old? Consider this: Andre the Giant, River Phoenix and Frank Zappa all died before these students were born. They don't know what a Commodore 64 was, and they don't understand why Boston barflies would ever shout, "Norm!"

Oh, and Ferris Bueller could be their father.

But the list isn't intended to serve as a cultural tombstone, its authors say, contending that the compilation also serves a practical purpose.

McBride and Nief say the main lesson professors should take from this year's list is that their incoming students have never lived in a world without the Internet. From the moment these kids were able to reach a tabletop, their fingertips probably were brushing against computers plugged into the World Wide Web.

And while that was largely true for the last few classes as well, the authors say teachers need to be extra-vigilant about where this year's students are going for information.

The Internet is great for finding facts, McBride says, but there's a big difference between facts and the knowledge that comes from understanding context behind the facts. He advises professors to teach how to supplement Internet searches with library research in scholarly journals, and to remind freshmen to dig beyond the first page or two of Google search results.

Sara Ballesteros, an 18-year-old freshman from South Beloit, said she's

confident she knows how to do legitimate Internet research, by relying more on websites that end in ".edu" or ".gov" than in ".com" or ".org."

She also opined that adults worry too much about kids' Internet habits. She referred to item No. 7 on the Mindset List: "As they've grown up on websites and cellphones, adult experts have constantly fretted about their alleged deficits of empathy and concentration."

"For older people who think we use the Internet way too much for bad things, it really depends on the person, on their beliefs and ideals," she said. "Technology can be used in good ways. But adults don't always understand that."

The Mindset List:

Most students entering college for the first time this fall - members of the Class of 2015 - were born in 1993. For these students, Andre the Giant, River Phoenix, Frank Zappa, Arthur Ashe and the Commodore 64 have always been dead.

Their classmates could include Taylor Momsen, Angus Jones, Howard Stern's daughter Ashley, and the Dilley Sextuplets.

1. There has always been an Internet ramp onto the information highway.
2. Ferris Bueller and Sloane Peterson could be their parents.
3. States and Velcro parents have always been requiring that they wear their bike helmets.
4. The only significant labor disputes in their lifetimes have been in major league sports.
5. There have always been at least two women on the Supreme Court, and women have always commanded U.S. Navy ships.
6. They "swipe" cards, not merchandise.
7. As they've grown up on websites and cellphones, adult experts have constantly fretted about their alleged deficits of empathy and concentration.
8. Their school's "blackboards" have always been getting smarter.
9. "Don't touch that dial!" . what dial?
10. American tax forms have always been available in Spanish.
11. More Americans have always traveled to Latin America than to Europe.
12. Amazon has never been just a river in South America.
13. Refer to LBJ, and they might assume you're talking about LeBron James.
14. All their lives, Whitney Houston has always been declaring, "I Will Always Love You."
15. O.J. Simpson has always been looking for the killers of Nicole Simpson and Ronald Goldman.

16. Women have never been too old to have children.
17. Japan has always been importing rice.
18. Jim Carrey has always been bigger than a pet detective.
19. We have never asked, and they have never had to tell.
20. Life has always been like a box of chocolates.
21. They've always gone to school with Mohammed and Jesus.
22. John Wayne Bobbitt has always slept with one eye open.
23. There has never been an official Communist Party in Russia.
24. "Yadda, yadda, yadda" has always come in handy to make long stories short.
25. Video games have always had ratings.
26. Chicken soup has always been soul food.
27. The Rocky Horror Picture Show has always been available on TV.
28. Jimmy Carter has always been a smiling elderly man who shows up on TV to promote fair elections and disaster relief.
29. Arnold Palmer has always been a drink.
30. Dial-up is soooooooooo last century!
31. Women have always been kissing women on television.
32. Their older siblings have told them about the days when Britney Spears, Justin Timberlake and Christina Aguilera were Mouseketeers.
33. Faux Christmas trees have always outsold real ones.
34. They've always been able to dismiss boring old ideas with "been there, done that, gotten the T-shirt."
35. The bloody conflict between the government and a religious cult has always made Waco sound a little wacko.
36. Unlike their older siblings, they spent bedtime on their backs until they learned to roll over.
37. Music has always been available via free downloads.
38. Grown-ups have always been arguing about health care policy.
39. Moderate amounts of red wine and baby aspirin have always been thought good for the heart.
40. Sears has never sold anything out of a Big Book that could also serve as a doorstep.



41. The United States has always been shedding fur.
42. Electric cars have always been humming in relative silence on the road.
43. No longer known for just gambling and quickie divorces, Nevada has always been one of the fastest growing states in the Union.
44. They're the first generation to grow up hearing about the dangerous overuse of antibiotics.
45. They pressured their parents to take them to Taco Bell or Burger King to get free pogs.
46. Russian courts have always had juries.
47. No state has ever failed to observe Martin Luther King Day.
48. While they've been playing outside, their parents have always worried about nasty new bugs borne by birds and mosquitoes.
49. Public schools have always made space available for advertising.
50. Some of them have been inspired to actually cook by watching the Food Channel.
51. Fidel Castro's daughter and granddaughter have always lived in the United States.
52. Their parents have always been able to create a will and other legal documents online.
53. Charter schools have always been an alternative.
54. They've grown up with George Stephanopoulos as the Dick Clark of political analysts.
55. New kids have always been known as NKOTB.
56. They've always wanted to be like Shaq or Kobe: Michael who?
57. They've often broken up with their significant others via texting, Facebook, or MySpace.
58. Their parents sort of remember Woolworths as this store that used to be downtown.
59. Kim Jong Il has always been bluffing, but the West has always had to take him seriously.
60. Frasier, Sam, Woody and Rebecca have never Cheerfully frequented a bar in Boston during primetime.
61. Major League Baseball has never had fewer than three divisions and never lacked a wild-card entry in the playoffs.
62. Nurses have always been in short supply.

63. They won't go near a retailer that lacks a website.
64. Altar girls have never been a big deal.
65. When they were 3, their parents may have battled other parents in toy stores to buy them a Tickle Me Elmo while they lasted.
66. It seems the United States has always been looking for an acceptable means of capital execution.
67. Folks in Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City have always been able to energize with Pepsi-Cola.
68. Andy Warhol is a museum in Pittsburgh.
69. They've grown up hearing about suspiciously vanishing frogs.
70. They've always had the privilege of talking with a chatterbot.
71. Refugees and prisoners have always been housed by the U.S. government at Guantanamo.
72. Women have always been Venusians; men, Martians.
73. McDonald's coffee has always been just a little too hot to handle.
74. "PC" has come to mean personal computer, not political correctness.
75. The New York Times and The Boston Globe have never been rival newspapers.

Posted by Janet Bahr at 7:43 AM 0 comments



**TUESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2011**

## Cabinet Notes - August 16, 2011

### CABINET MEETING NOTES

Tuesday, Aug. 16, 2011

**Enrollment Update:** Enrollment for NSU/TCC classes at BA was made available. 1,187 freshmen have been admitted with 120 denials. Currently, 975 first-time freshmen have been enrolled with 71 concurrently enrolled. Discussions regarding financial aid disbursements revealed the potential need for additional disbursements to ensure all accounts are completed as quickly as possible. Current enrollment figures are showing that we are down from fall 2010 but up from the two previous fall semesters.

**Ethics Point Protocols:** Dr. Martha Albin presented to Cabinet the RUSO EthicsPoint Service Tip Line. This system, when activated, will provide a way for anyone to discreetly and confidentially report activities which may be unethical or otherwise inappropriate behavior in violation of established policies. The Tip Line will be made available on all RUSO institution

websites. More information will be made available as this system is developed.

**Capital Projects:** Discussions are underway for planning dedication or announcement ceremonies for various projects to include Second Century Square, Redman Wall, and the Wilma Mankiller Center. Please see the attached list of projects currently underway at NSU.

**Printing of Brochures and Other University Materials:** Discussions on how departments/colleges can help streamline and facilitate a smooth transition of processes and communication of needs for printing materials is taking place. With multiple projects being routed through Communications and Marketing, the need for individual workup of materials by departments/colleges will help with the transition to the final product.


**FERPA Policies for NSU:** The NSU Policy Committee will review proposals to consolidate our current policies into one central university policy.

**Coordination of NSU Grievance Policy and Title IX Compliance:** NSU has three separate processes currently administered by Human Resources, Student Affairs, and Athletics. We are looking at ways to create consistency among these processes to develop coordinated efforts for improved reporting, investigating, and seeking resolution of non-academic and employment related concerns, issues, complaints and grievances brought forth by students, faculty, staff, and administrators.

**Civic Engagement:** Dean Laura Boren will be moving forward with strategic goals and developing initiatives. More on this topic from Student Affairs as it becomes available.

**OCI Citizens Academy:** The decision to nominate an applicant to the program from NSU was tabled until the next Cabinet meeting in order for potential applicants to be identified.

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**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2011**

## Cabinet Notes - August 9, 2011

### CABINET MEETING NOTES

Tuesday, Aug. 9, 2011

1. Enrollment Update: Freshman and transfer admits are steady at 1,167 and 1,084 respectively. Current number of enrolled students is 8,481 compared to this time last year at 8,778. While enrollment numbers are still down we are gaining ground. Retention remains a priority. Enrollment Management and High School Relations staff continues to work diligently to admit and enroll

students. The volume of student traffic continues to increase on all campuses.

2. Capital Projects: Current projects are progressing as planned with no major changes reported.
3. New Hire Background Checks: The NSU Policy Committee will review a new policy to require the completion of background checks on potential new employees. These checks will focus on criminal and sex offender backgrounds only. This process is consistent with the RUSO Board and other regional institutions.
4. Employee Drug and Alcohol Testing: The NSU Policy Committee will review a new policy working toward implementing a drug and alcohol testing program. This testing will not be random or periodic but based on certain criteria determined within the policy. This program is consistent with peer institutions.
5. Contract Routing Procedure: The NSU Policy Committee will submit a proposal to the Cabinet establishing a routing procedure that will specify, by position, the flow of every contract for obtaining signatures through completion.
6. Staff Development Day Planning: Human Resources staff is developing training topics that will be available to employees during established staff development days. Off campus professionals will be brought in to help facilitate training on multiple topics. Information will be made available as plans develop. The first date is being planned for Nov. 22.
7. Leadership Tahlequah Nominations: NSU will nominate three individuals to the Tahlequah Chamber for this year's class. Applications will be submitted to include Cari Keller, Peggy Glenn and Daniel Johnson.
8. OCI Citizens Academy: NSU is excited that Tahlequah has been selected to be one of four Host Cities for Class IX of the Oklahoma Community Institute, Citizens Academy for 2011-2012. On Nov. 2-3 the class will visit Tahlequah. NSU will participate as a sponsor for this year's program. The decision to nominate an applicant to the program from NSU was tabled until the next Cabinet meeting in order for potential applicants to be identified. The deadline for submission is Sept. 15.
9. Regional Stewardship MPM: This year's Summit will be held on the campus of Rogers State University in Claremore. At the Oct. 13 Regional Summit there will be five regional collaborations honored. An awards committee has been established to determine which nominated collaborations will receive "prize money" to be used to further the work of the awarded collaboration. Areas included are Emerging Collaboration, Successful Collaboration, Innovative Collaboration, Community Champion, and Crossing Borders Collaboration. In order to be nominated the collaboration must demonstrate a benefit to northeastern Oklahoma communities. The Cabinet has approved NSU to be a sponsor of this effort.
10. Opening Meeting: Final agenda items of the event were discussed. A practice session was scheduled to finalize needs for IT and for the general flow and timing of the program.

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**FRIDAY, AUGUST 12, 2011**

## u.select - online transfer course equivalency program

Hello All:

We now have a new feature to accompany the degree audit reporting system. u.select is an online transfer course equivalency program which will allow students and faculty to see how courses from other institutions transfer to NSU. Janet Kelley, DARS Specialist has provided the following guidelines regarding utilizing u.select for determining course equivalencies and help in advising students.

View NSU's transfer course equivalencies online!

You now have access to the transfer articulation information used by our Degree Audit Reporting System (DARS) through u.select.

- From the NSU home page, click the Transfer link under ADMISSIONS or enter <http://transfer.org> into your web browser. This should bring you to "u.select – get the credit you deserve".
- To get started, click Quick Equivalencies and follow the on-screen instructions.
- To view NSU course evaluations in any area, select: Oklahoma and Northeastern State University.
- See examples below for more ways to search for equivalencies.

Please note: The Programs and My Plans functionalities are not yet available for NSU. Once we move to the Banner student system and complete the necessary encoding, prospective students will be able to enter their coursework and run What-If degree audits based on the information in DARS.

The information in u.select replaces the previous NSU Course Transfer Guide.

Want to know which courses from a transfer school have been evaluated as equivalent to NSU courses?

- Click Quick Equivalencies and select Oklahoma, NSU
- Click on the state abbreviation to get a list of schools that have equivalencies. Courses that are not currently listed may transfer but have not yet been evaluated.
- Select the transfer school from the list and search by department abbreviation from the transfer school or NSU. You may select "(all)" under NSU to see all equivalencies from that school.

Trying to advise a prospective transfer student but can't run a DARS audit because they haven't been admitted to NSU?

- Click Equivalencies by School and select Oklahoma, NSU
- Follow the onscreen instructions to search for schools by state and add up to 5 schools the student has attended to the Guide.
- Click Create Guide and in the drop down box for NSU, select "(all)" to see all of the courses from each school that have equivalency rules in DARS or search within a department.

Trying to help a student find a course close to their hometown that will count toward their degree?

- Click Equivalencies by Course and select Oklahoma, NSU
- Enter the Department Abbreviation and Course Number for the NSU course.
- Select either a Partial School Name, State or search within a specified distance from NSU or any Zip Code.

Posted by Janet Bahr at 7:36 AM 0 comments



**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2011**

## Welcome Back!


Welcome back to NSU for fall 2011! Do you feel the excitement in the air? This is always one of my favorite times of the academic year as new and returning students arrive on campus. There is always a refreshing sense of renewal as we begin a new semester. These are interesting times at NSU and all across the country for higher education. Our challenges are full of opportunities and we fully intend to capitalize on all of them. We will continue the initiatives directed by our strategic plan as we move forward in Charting the Second Century for Northeastern State University.

Our top priority this year will be final preparations for our upcoming Higher Learning Commission (HLC) accreditation visit in March. For the last three fall opening meetings, we have discussed the importance of our upcoming HLC visit. We are now less than a year away. Each and every employee at NSU will be instrumental in the success of our accreditation visit. It “takes a village” and that village is the NSU community and its stake holders. We have so many good, positive activities and stories to share. Draft chapters of the self-study have been written addressing each of the five criteria for accreditation. In addition, we will be submitting a formal change request to allow NSU to develop and market new online programs without individual HLC approval.

Our other priorities include: continuing the academic prioritization process, developing a plan to address the budget deficit, formalizing the Red Balloon project, second year of the Assessment Academy, two major searches – Dean of the College of Business and Technology and Dean of the College of Extended Learning, initiating the new RPT policies, supporting international opportunities for faculty and students, as well as many other regular activities such as program review, curriculum review and approval, academic planning, and a continued emphasis on developing a culture of learning and discovery.

As mentioned in an earlier email from Dr. Tadlock, Dr. Tom Jackson and Dr. Martin Venneman will be assisting me with duties in the Office of Academic Affairs this next semester. In addition, Dr. Cari Keller is participating in the “Academic Fellowship” during the fall and will assist in some major projects.

I trust that each of you have had a pleasant and restful summer and are ready to embark on a new academic year at Northeastern. I appreciate what each of you does in helping our students succeed. Have a wonderful fall semester.

Posted by Janet Bahr at 6:50 AM 0 comments 

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2011**

## Cabinet Minutes - August 2, 2011

\*CABINET MEETING NOTES\*

\*Tuesday, August 2, 2011 \*

1. Enrollment Update: Freshman admits are at 1,161; transfers at 1,085. To date, there are a total of 4,907 applications for the fall 2011 semester of which 2,567 have been admitted, 113 denied with 2,227 applications being processed. Enrollment Management efforts toward closing the loop with the target group of applicants that are missing one record or less is becoming fruitful. High School and College Relations has taken the lead in outreach efforts for first time freshmen. BA Enrollment Management has taken the lead in outreach efforts for new transfer students. The headcount and credit hour enrollment continues to increase. However, the University is still looking at an overall decrease in enrollment as compared to last year.

2. Capital Projects: Several projects are currently in process. City leaders will support funding efforts to continue with work towards the Events Center. Construction for the Wadley Reading Clinic in Tahlequah has begun. Administration Building roof replacement project will be submitted to RUSO in September for approval. Departmental Capital Project team will be meeting soon to review the projects submitted and make recommendations for funding.

3. Regional Stewardship: NSU representatives attended the Regional Action Team Retreat last week to discuss progress, commonalities and regionalism concepts. Plans continue with Action Teams moving forward. NSU was recognized as a lead agency. Focus on funding for OCRD and MPM continues to be a priority for the upcoming legislative session agenda.

4. Athletics: NSU has been approved by NCAA to open our football schedule early and host a game on Aug. 27, which will be the first college football game played in the nation at any division level. The game will be broadcast live from Doc Wadley Stadium by Cox Sports TV. Information will be made available as plans develop.

5. Fall Opening Meeting: The location of the meeting will be in the Center for Performing Arts. Refreshments will be available by 8:30 a.m. with the meeting beginning at 9:00 a.m. ITV will not be available; however, it will be recorded for future viewing for those not able to attend. Electronic handouts will be made available within the "goNSU" portal.

6. Extended Hours: Efforts are underway to provide extended hours for students to complete the enrollment process beginning Aug. 11 through the end of the first week of classes. Student Affairs will work with Enrollment Management to set schedules.

7. University Committee Assignments: Dean Boren and Dr. Bahr are working on committee assignments. Notifications will be sent from the President's Office when completed.

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 4, 2011

## Cabinet Minutes - July 26, 2011

### Cabinet Notes for July 26, 2011

1. Enrollment update: We have 438 applied and not admitted at TQ; 187 at BA. Optometry not enrolled yet for fall. Freshman admits are at 1,135; transfers at 972. 101 students denied admission between freshmen and transfers. Banner/admissions staffing have been arranged on a schedule that will help accommodate current processing pressures due to Banner implementation. Likely to hit around 90 percent yield on applied but not admitted for freshmen apps; 70-75 percent on transfers.
2. SEMP update: Strategic enrollment management plan is in process of being written. Meeting with first group Monday occurred with representatives from financial aid, scholarships, marketing, recruitment and others. Merging previous data with new information will result in a plan draft by sometime in late August. That draft will then be added to by others before final draft is ready for cabinet review.
3. Student preparation for fall: CSI group is meeting so that opening activities and programs for students are coordinated for the fall. Housing air conditioning units have been checked; painting and some other maintenance will continue up until move-in.
4. Banner student system implementation: Student system coming up in the fall and impact of this must be communicated across campus and to all students. We need a lot of information out; a campaign of information will begin. We are in mid-stream implementation, which will require that all of us will be spending extra hours daily to learn the new processes Banner requires for us to use. That is a message that all of us need to communicate.
5. Capital project updates: First drawings of redesign of monolithic dome for events center shared. Due to the dome concept cost escalation, we will need to go with more of a traditional design with part of the facility being FEMA certified.
6. Regional stewardship: Continuing towards planning for the community meeting on regionalism that will involve reps from several cities in NE Oklahoma. Plan adoption will be part of the finalizing of the process now underway. OCRD funding and MPM funding needs to be legislative agenda priorities for the coming session.
7. Fall start up meeting: We will be using the Center for Performing Arts not the UC Ballroom. Agenda is fine as sent out yesterday. All visual elements need to be sent to Mark asap. Walk through is scheduled the afternoon prior.
8. RUSO meeting: Two to four coming from each RUSO university. Agenda is set. Packet is ready to give to each regent. Seven of 9 regents are coming. Regents Jackson and Baressi will not attend. Evening reception at the Jazz Lab. Those attending are invited also to a choice of Downtown Country or River City Players. NSU will present on Friday about the Foundation, capital construction projects, and international partnerships.

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2011

## First Blog

Hello Faculty and Staff:

This is my first attempt at BLOGGING, so bare with me for a little while until I get the hang of it. I want to continue the communication begun by Dr. Tadlock to share important information concerning the Academic Affairs area. I will have more information early next week. Keep tuned in.....Janet Bahr

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