8:17 (Feb. 12, 2016) Chair's Cabinet meeting called to order; the minutes of the January 2016 meeting were approved.

In attendance: Wannemuehler, Baum, Constant, Gasta, Jenks, King, Martin, Ulmer, Wallace, Wipf.

Guests: None

Faculty Senate (FS) Updates: RW – During President Leath's recent visit to the Senate and he presented his outlook for the budget and legislative support. ISU is requesting a 4.5 % increase which would amount to approximately $8million in recurring funds. The general impression of the ISU Administration is that there is a very positive outlook for State support (see Inside ISU, Feb. 11). There was brief mention of the Task Force (TF) on enrollment management (admission requirements, differential tuition) and the impact of continued enrollment growth will have on ISU without additional funds. At the March meeting, the Board of Regents will have an hour with the FS Advisory Board (discuss resources and programs); it was announced that Tim Day (BMS department, Vet Med) is the FS President-Elect; It was mentioned that there is an ongoing Review of the Office of Business and Finance. A question was asked regarding the potential restructuring of this Office. Merger of the Anthropology and World Languages and Culture (2nd reading). Name change for the Bachelor of Arts degree in Interdisciplinary Design was mentioned. Elections for new council chairs and the FS secretary will take place in March.

There was mention that there will be regarding the “managed enrollment” – the growth curve of applications is slowing,
With respect to the TF examining enrollment growth and management, there were several questions from the other department chairs.
Q. How will academic units be involved in these discussions?

Q. Are we doing better with retention of students (i.e., how does retention factor into enrollment growth)?

Q. Should there be discussions regarding the management of or limiting of specific majors that may be over subscribed? The point was made that this approach is used at other institutions and as well as a few programs on the ISU campus.

Q. Is there a danger of setting up unnecessary “breaks” that will naturally resolve in 3 to 5 years as interest in a given major waxes and wanes?
With respect to classroom usage, the comment was made that ISU is at 90% capacity for classroom and lab space; Biology labs run labs until 10:00 PM.

In LAS, the comment was made that the departments were asked to continue to recruit knowing the reality of space and resource limitations.

A question was asked about how the RMM impacts the enrollment management model and the drive to recruit more students.

President Leath did mention in his remarks to the Faculty Senate on Feb. 11 that he would like to see the student faculty ratio change from 19:1 to 16:1. This would require about 300 additional faculty given the current student enrollment. Several of the department chairs indicated that their areas were tight for space (office and laboratory) and had questions about how the approach this challenge/opportunity.

With respect to space needs, there was a lively discussion regarding the challenges working with FP&M to complete projects in a timely fashion and the costs associated with projects managed by FP&M.

The modernization of and management of data processing was briefly discussed (i.e., Enterprise solutions). There was overall agreement that this will make a big difference in managing data and information across campus and would assist departments.

Adjourned at 9:37