Minutes of the Chancellor’s Cabinet Meeting of Monday, May 12, 2013

Present: Les Johnson, Barbara Keinath, Peter Phaiah, Tricia Sanders, Andrew Svec, Fred Wood

Meeting began at 8:30 a.m.

I. Minutes from the April 28 and May 5, 2014, meetings were reviewed and approved.

II. Commencement Review—Consensus was that commencement went well. Graduates seemed to really enjoy marching and sitting with friends. Non-alphabetical line-up was easier. Cabinet members’ ideas for minor tweaks will be shared with the Commencement Committee as they conduct their annual review. Kudos and thanks to Facilities staff for the beautiful grounds and commencement set-up. Media services provided great support to the sound system. The choir performed beautifully, as did the band in its first commencement appearance. Sodexo staff did their usual great work with food and service. Thanks to all the staff that assisted with various parts of commencement.

III. Employee Engagement Survey Results—UMC results are now posted on the website. Les and Andrew will add explanatory information, including guidance on how to interpret the results. Comparisons include the entire University of Minnesota and a “small campus” comparison that includes the combined UMR, UMM, and UMC results. When the final pieces are in place early next week, the Chancellor will send an email to let UMC faculty and staff know that the site is ready. Les Johnson will organize overview and discussion sessions on the results early in Fall Semester.

IV. Enrollment Projections for 2014-2015—While it is too early to project Fall Semester’s enrollment, NHS application and admit numbers are up by double digit percentages over Fall Semester 2013. The large 2014 graduating class and the small NHS class from Fall Semester 2013 offset those increases, at least somewhat. Cabinet reviewed a first draft of a five-year strategic enrollment model that estimates on-campus and online enrollment (i.e., headcount) based on historical enrollment, retention, and graduation rates. As it is refined, the model will enable us to consider where changes need to be made, as well as the impact of changes.

V. FY15 Preliminary Budget—Tricia reviewed the FY15 preliminary budget.

VII. The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

-- Respectfully submitted by Barbara Keinath