

Cabinet Meeting Notes September 15, 2011

Banners – Pat Wiater reported that the seasonal banners funded by the Alumni/Foundation can be ordered as we have the necessary frames.

Foundation/Alumni Retreat – Regina LaGatta reported that Merrill Lynch will present during the morning session (October 26).

Hurricane Lights Out Recognition Events – Steve Ackerknecht reported that various constituencies will be honored for their volunteer efforts. The events will be held at Justine's on dates to be determined.

Invitation to Campus to Submit Ideas for Improvement – Dr. Vancko asked cabinet to consider how to best solicit ideas concerning campus improvements from faculty and staff.

Middle States – Cabinet members continue to discuss tying assessments/actions to the strategic plan and the timeframe for submission of reports. Regina LaGatta has spoken to John Kowal about Faculty Governance with regards to student engagement. Governance issues are very important to MSCHE.

Route 7 Project – Pat Wiater reported that the project will move forward in the spring pending a DOT grant extension.

Storm Update – Steve Ackerknecht announced that there was approximately \$1.5 million in campus/dorm damages resulting from recent storms. There is a \$100,000 deductible per occurrence (separate deductibles for Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee). The hope is that FEMA will pick up the deductibles. Carol Vosatka will be following up.

Student Natural Disaster Fund – Regina LaGatta and Steve Ackerknecht working on process for funding impacted students. SUNY Cobleskill/College Council will donate \$1,000 in support of the Chancellor's initiative to support impacted students system-wide.