

Budget Council Minutes
Tuesday, October 11, 2022
3:30– 5:00 p.m.

Montana Room (NAH 359)

Terry Leist	Alison Harmon	Dan Miller
Robert Mokwa	Chris Fastnow	Ryan Knutson
Chris Kearns	Craig Woolard	Kim Obbink
Eric Austin	John Ooley	Halton Stancil

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Terry Leist

2. Approval of Minutes for July 12, 2022

The July 12, 2022, minutes were unanimously approved

3. University Information/Announcements

a. Introductions and New Members

- Halton Stancil will be serving as the undergraduate student representative and is the ASMSU Business Manager
- Kathleen Brewer will be serving as the graduate student representative
- Megan Lasso provided an overview of the role of the Budget Council, including the following: emphasizing that the Budget Council provides recommendations on process and strategic plan alignment, gathers and disseminates pertinent information related to financial resources, and gathers feedback from constituents regarding financial resources and discuss with Budget Council and President Cruzado. No discussion followed the overview.

b. Board of Regents Overview

- An overview of prior Budget, Administration, and Audit committee items from prior meetings, including an informational item on the current BOR Dependent Tuition Waiver Policy and Remote Work Policy. John Ooley commented that remote work and dependent tuition waivers were high priorities for the All Staff Council. Dan Miller added that the current dependent tuition waiver policy is off-putting for new employees at all levels, so this is a good change.

c. Planning Council Priorities

- Chris Fastnow reviewed the approved [Planning Council goals for focus](#) for FY24. Halton Stancil asked where the resources are to understand the metrics and actions tied to the priorities. Alison Harmon asked when the current strategic plan expires and Chris Fastnow let her know it is the end of the calendar year 2024.

4. Action Items

a. There were no formal action items for today, but Megan Lasso provided an update on some follow-up items from the last meeting:

- HR Software (\$17K): will be pulling returning that funding to the institution

- OPA/OIE shared admin position: retooling funding to unit needs with excess returning to institution
- Library TRAILS investment: Funding for position who provides support for shared consortium across MUS/tribal colleges. Working on enfolding access for tribal colleges into MSU licenses and contracts to provide access. Continue to feel the position is adding value.

5. Public Comment/Member Feedback

- a. No public comment or member feedback

6. Training and/or Data Review

- a. Megan Lasso provided an overview of the [MSU Operating Budget Summary](#)