

**Research Council Minutes**  
**Thursday, July 14, 2011**  
**2:00-3:00 p.m.**  
**214 Hamilton Hall**

✓ McCoy, Tom	Johnson, Cheryl-unavailable	✓ Shaw, Joe
✓ Black, Laura	Kuntz, Sandy-on telephone	✓ Whitlock, Cathy
✓ Cloninger, Mary	✓ Gee, Regina	
✓ Douglas, Trevor	Jutila, Mark-unavailable	✓ Potvin, Martha
Erickson, Joanne-unavailable	✓ Marley, Robert	✓ Yarnell, Allen
Hays, Rick-unavailable	✓ Pascual, David	✓ Fox, Carl

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- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Minutes of July 14, 2011 meetings
- III. Information/Announcements
  - i. Update from Academic Leadership Retreat held on June 7, 2011
    - a) Good discussion regarding Research Council Recommendations for Enhancing Graduate Education with a Focus on Doctoral Students
    - b) The Graduate School will draft and distribute a competitive RFP in the Fall with decisions made by January 1, 2012
    - c) Funding for RFP will come from Vice President for Research
    - d) RFP open and accessible to all departments
    - e) Academic leaders want departments to request funds for specific purposes for enhancing graduate education
    - f) Deans in favor of system to track progress of graduate students
    - g) Implement requirement that graduate committee meet with graduate students several time throughout year
    - h) The Graduate School will require annual review of graduate students' progress, with requirement that department chair certify
    - i) For FY12, RC recommendation to reward those departments that are already doing well in enhancing graduate students' recruitment and education, will not be implemented. Need to bring back for F13 discussion.
    - j) Facilitating Interdisciplinary Research:
      - i. Need mechanism so faculty will know upfront how their efforts to pursue interdisciplinary research will impact annual evaluation, promotion and tenure, and individual reward.
      - ii. At point of hire, include language in hiring documents that detail time and effort aspects of working in Center/Institute/large Interdisciplinary grant and own academic department.
      - iii. Should be flexible to accommodate changes over time

- iv. Annual evaluation and P&T should be split appropriately between academic department and Center/Institute/large Interdisciplinary grant director
- v. Interdisciplinary Research Centers reporting structure: MSU has mixed reporting structure for IRCs and a clearer, more consistent plan needs to be established. Suggestion: Director reports to VPR
- vi. Interdisciplinary Research:
  - i. Provide funding to help faculty develop and submit interdisciplinary research proposals
  - ii. MSU needs guidelines and level playing field for every Center/Institute as to how to handle faculty FTEs, F&A distribution, etc.
  - iii. Culture change at MSU to reward faculty who write I/D proposals whether the proposal is funded or not. ...should get credit during annual evaluation for writing I/D proposals.

#### IV. Topics for Discussion

- Facilitating Interdisciplinary Research
  - i) More discussion at next meeting
- Setting targets for OSP expenditures
  - i. More discussion at next meeting
- Social Sciences Initiative
  - i) Sue Monahan, guest
  - ii) Federal Agencies have more monies for social sciences and behavioral sciences research.
  - iii) Kathie Olsen, independent consultant, is assisting MSU with developing strategic plan to how to move social sciences research forward.

#### V. Discussions for upcoming meetings

- Additional Compensation
- Research Council planning on input into Planning Council

#### VI. Meeting Adjourned: 3:05 p.m.

**Next Meeting: Thursday, September 1, 2011, from 2:00-3:00 p.m. in 214 Hamilton Hall**