Montana State University
University Council Minutes
September 1, 2010

Announcements

President Cruzado announced that we have the largest Freshman class and the largest returning class in the history of MSU.

New Business

Introduction of New Councils
      President Cruzado presented the University Council.
      Interim Provost Joe Fedock presented the Deans Council.
      Vice President for Research Tom McCoy presented the Research Council.
      Vice President for Planning presented the Planning Council
      Vice President for Finance and Administration Craig Roloff presented the Budget Council.

Because of time constraints the Overview of Potential Student Housing Enhancements was postponed to the October 7 meeting.

Updates

Interim Provost Update – Provost Fedock discussed the establishment of a culture of assessment program plan for Montana State University.

Faculty Senate Update – Dr. Wes Lynch discussed faculty concerns about the budgeting process and performance based funding. Associate Commissioner for Fiscal Affairs Mick Robinson will be attending the Faculty Senate meeting on September 15. President Cruzado encouraged Faculty Senate to invite the Deans to the Faculty Senate for this meeting.   Dr. Lynch extended the invitation for the Deans to join them on September 15 at 4:00 pm.   Faculty Senate is discussing their role in a unionized campus.

Professional Council Update – Ms. Betsey Pitts discussed the Council's desire to communicate to all staff their role in student success and retention. The Council produced a video that was distributed to everyone in Monday Morning Memo on August 30.

Staff Senate Update – Mr. William Van Horn discussed the implementation of a Public Relations Task Force to effectively communicate with classified staff. Staff Senate will be conducting a survey on the financial impact of the new prescription drug program.

ASMSU Update – Mr. Eric Fisher discussed both Catapalooza and the Legend of the Bobcat. Both events were tremendously successful and attendance exceeded expectations.

Athletics Update – Mr. Peter Fields discussed the Athletic Certification Process, a process which occurs every ten years in coordination with the NCAA. The first football game is this Saturday,

September 4. The tailgating policy has been eliminated and there have been meetings with members of the community to enhance the game day experience. There will be more community events including pep rallies downtown on the following Fridays: September 3, September 24, October 8 and November 19.   Last Friday President Cruzado visited downtown stores with several individuals, including Champ and the Spirit of the West Marching Band.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice President Allen Yarnell discussed enrollment. We will have the largest class in our history. There are no students living in lounges.

Dean Jeff Jacobsen announced the Animal BioScience Building is fully operational.

Dean Tamara Miller announced the Libraries is reconfiguring the first floor to allow more study space for students.

Dean Paula Lutz announced the Gaines Hall Celebration and ribbon cutting will be September 17. The Governor has confirmed his participation.

Vice Provost and Director Doug Steele discussed the Rural Communities Conference which is being held on campus this week. There will be a Provost search update announcement this Friday. The Committee will make recommendations to President Cruzado by the end of September.

Dean Bob Hietala announced the Gallatin College Programs ribbon cutting will be Thursday, September 9 at 8:30 am.

Interim Assistant Vice President Jo Packham announced the largest payroll run this week due to the integration of all campuses with the implementation of the new Choices.

Alumni Director Jaynee Groseth announced it is the mission of the Alumni Association to engage alumni and there are 50 upcoming events.

Vice President Cathy Conover discussed the Convocation and Inauguration activities this next week beginning September 8.

The Meeting adjourned at 10:00 am.

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 7, 2010, 8:30 am, Foundation/Alumni Great Room.