

University Council Minutes
Wednesday, March 6, 2013
8:30 - 10:00 am
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Waded Cruzado, Kiah Abbey, Kenning Arlitsch, Daniel Adams, Kregg Aytes, Matt Caires, Tom Calcagni, Kari Cargill, Nancy Cornwell, Dennis Defa, Tracy Ellig, Chris Fastnow, Peter Fields, Jaynee Groseth, Rolf Groseth, Brett Gunnink, Bob Hawks, Bob Hietala, Jeff Jacobsen, Ron Larsen, Bob Lashaway, Dewitt Latimer, Terry Leist, Diane Letendre, Jim Limbaugh, Jill Martz, Tom McCoy, Shelley McKamey, Helen Melland, John Neumeier, Kim Obbink, Sandy Osborne, Martha Potvin, Nicol Rae, Lynda Ransdell, Jim Rimpau, Nora Smith, Michael Stevenson, Leslie Taylor, William Van Horn, Susan Wolff, Allen Yarnell

I. Call to Order

President Cruzado called the meeting to order.

II. Approval of Minutes for February 6, 2013

Minutes were approved as read.

III. University Wide Information/ Announcements

President Cruzado congratulated everyone on the Charles Best event and gave an update on her trip to Washington, D.C. and meetings with Montana's Congressional delegation.

Chancellor Limbaugh announced the hiring of a new Vice President for Business and Finance, Brian Simonson.

IV. New Items

A. Motor Pool Operational Analysis and Recommendations to Contract out Motor Pool

Chris Catlett, General Operations Manager

Jeff Butler introduced Chris Catlett and explained that Facilities Services are always examining their service levels to ensure they are efficient and effective.

Chris Catlett reported on the previous analysis in 1999 to divest motor pool, however no companies in the area had the capacity to meet needs.

The 2012 analysis concluded divestment of the motor pool.

Visited with all stakeholders and recommended divestment with contracted services.

Potential benefits include: newer vehicles, transfer of insurance liability, and cost savings.

Auditor Adams inquired to the employees affected by divesting motor pool. Mr. Catlett indicated that the position is currently vacant.

College of Agriculture Dean Jacobsen inquired about heavy vehicle use programs such as field operations and rang science. Mr. Catlett indicated that they have been in contact with them and will work to ensure continued service.

ASMSU Abbey thanked facilities for the work they have done to meet with stakeholders over the last year.

Move to consider endorsement passed unanimously.

Move to endorse divesting motor pool passed unanimously.

B. Commemorative Tributes (See Attachment)
Leslie Taylor, Legal Counsel

Legal Counselor Taylor explained that the revision to the commemorative tributes policy would clarify that it covers all university property.

Chancellor Limbaugh asked if affiliated campuses would be need to send requests to MSU. Counselor Taylor said she would have to see if it falls under the enterprise agreement.

V. Old Items

A. Student Trip Policy (See Attachments)
Leslie Taylor, Legal Counsel

Legal Counselor Taylor indicated that this was the most successful commenting period and that in order to get this revision right, she requested that the Council pass recommendation for another 30 days.

The motion to postpone another 30 days passed unanimously.

VI. Information Items

A. IT Governance

Anne Milkovich, Director of Business Administration

Director Milkovich presented on the new IT Governance program to provide strategic direction, ensure that objectives are achieved, ascertain risks are managed, and verify that resources are used responsibly.

Program Management Office does the leg work and staff to support IT governance.

Under the OpenMSU IT council each campus would have its own council to prioritize needs and the campus chair would sit on the OpenMSU IT council.

The roles and responsibilities would be to gather input, provide strategic direction, synthesize needs, prioritize, and monitor executions.

B. MSU Strategic Plan: Learning Goal

Chris Fastnow, Director of Planning & Analysis

Director Fastnow gave the Council an update on the learning goal of the strategic plan.

1. Student learning: mastery of disciplinary knowledge, core learning, outcomes and measures are being developed. Good progress on these metrics.
2. Graduation rates are second highest in five years and retention rates are holding steady.
3. Employment after graduation show a positive trend for undergraduates. Enrollment in graduate programs slipped slightly for graduates. Subject to the performance of the economy.

President and CEO of the Alumni Foundation Stevenson offered assistance in contacting alumni for employment and post-graduate data.

President informed the Council how aligned MSU's strategic goals are with national trends and spoke to President Obama's higher education scorecard and that undersecretary Martha Cantor was so impressed with her meeting at MSU last summer.

C. Equity Advocates

Jessi Smith, ADVANCE Director

ADVANCE Director Smith and Co-Director Rushing presented to the Council on the advancements of the ADVANCE Project TRACS program and introduced their new website.

<http://www.montana.edu/nsfadvance/>

They asked members to submit nominations to be Equity Advocates. After reviewing best practices, the Equity Advocate program is one core element that remains after the end of the grant.

The directors emphasized that this is a team effort and they want to include both men and women in the program.

The long-term goal is to get people to be omnipresent of diversity and gender equity.

Chancellor Groseth inquired to the impact on the other campuses. Director Smith envisioned that the information gathered at MSU will be available and expanded to other campuses.

The Equity Advocate form will be sent out to all deans and department heads seeking nominations.

VII. Updates

Chancellor Limbaugh informed the Council that the MSU-Northern wrestling team took third at nationals and two facilities on campus are going to be updated.

Dean and CEO Wolff noted that GFC received the business of the quarter from the local chamber and the new Dean of Students will be attending the upcoming Board of Regents meeting.

Faculty Union Representative Osborne gave an update on their outreach and public forms.

ASMSU President Abbey informed the Council of the ongoing ASMSU election, the hiring of the new outdoor recreation employee, that

student regent applications are due by April 1st, and the success of the president's advisory council on substance abuse.

Vice President Rimpau indicated that everyone is looking forward to a rejuvenating spring break and that fall recruitment and enrollment are about what they expected.

Professional Council Representative Dr. Smith told the Council that they will be having a social.

Former Senator Hawks recently spent a day at the legislative session and informed the Council that the tuition freeze has reasonable support.

Alumni Foundation President & CEO Stevenson gave an update to the Council.

Executive Director McKamey said the Taylor Planetarium opening was a huge success.

VIII. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00am.