



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY

University Council Minutes

August 19, 2026 | 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM | SUB, Alumni Legacy Lounge

Members:

President Brock Tessman, Dean Adams, Fran Albrecht, Justin Arndt, Richard Badenhause, Sreekala Bajwa, Mike Becker, Jennifer Brown, Beth Burroughs, Matt Caires, Leon Costello, Doug Downs, Christine Foreman, Leanne Frost, Stephanie Gray, Jeannette Grey Gilbert, Brian Gillespie, Alison Harmon, Stefani Hicswa, Emma Hoegh, John How, Ryan Knutson, Chere LeClair, Terry Leist, Matthew Lovern, Sally Mudiamu, Kim Obbink, Kellie Peterson, Doralyn Rossmann, Tricia Seifert, Sarah Shannon, Cody Stone, Steve Swinford, Will Thomas, James Tobin, Brad White, Scott Williams, Ben Wilson

Members Absent: Dean Adams, Fran Albrecht, Justin Arndt, Jennifer Brown, Chere LeClair, Luke Schalewski, Tricia Seifert, Brad White, Ben Wilson

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 8:32am

II. Approval of Minutes for May 6, 2026

*Motion to approve minutes by Terry
Seconded by Mike
Unanimous Approval*

III. University Wide Information/Announcements

Introductions

*Leanne Frost – Dean/CEO of Great Falls College MSU
Beth Burroughs – Provost, MSU
Christine Foreman – Dean, NACOE
Scott Williams – Exec. Dir., Museum of the Rockies
Matt Lovern – Vice Provost of Graduate Education, MSU
Doug Downs – Faculty Senate Chair
Jennifer Brown – Interim Chancellor, MSU Northern
Strategic Plan Updates*

IV. Public Comment

No public comment

V. Old Items

VI. New Items

a. **Project Fee Assessment Policy**

*John How, Associate Vice President, University Facilities Management
Richard Rudnicki, Director, Planning, Design, and Construction*

VII. Informational Items

- *Centennial events at MSU Billings*
- *MSU Debut programs starting this weekend through next week with a ton of events*
- *Chris Pruden will temporarily serve as Fraternity Advisor for the fall*
- *MAES – Last field day, August 27 – BART Farm off Garfield*
- *Ethan Igo is the new Assistant to the Dean in the College of Ag*
- *MRJCON opens their new buildings this fall in all of the other buildings*
 - o *Bozeman – September 18*
 - o *Billings – September 23*
 - o *Kalispell – October 12*
 - o *Missoula – October 13*
- *Gallatin College Law Enforcement Academy Ceremony*
- *AI Symposium – October 1-2*
- *Opera Montana – A River Runs Through It – performing in September – Duck Pond on September 3 @ 6pm – Reading and songs*
- *West-side of Shroyer Gym wall wrap – hand drawn by Robert Rath*
- *Record breaking year with research funding*
- *Monopoly Houses are coming down – 300 bed residence hall*
- *New Parking where monopoly houses coming down*
- *Lincoln & 19th parking lot being paved*
- *Bought a 4th CatTracks bus*
- *Under 100 students for Orientation 4 left to register*
- *Convocation updates*

VIII. Updates

IX. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:42am