

Planning Council Minutes
Wednesday, September 27, 2023
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm
Montana Board Room, NAH 359

Members Present:		Others Present:	
Jodi Allison-Bunnell	Terry Leist	Rebecca Belou	Craig Ogilvie
Kristin Blackler	Michelle Miley	Mary Kate Blake	Grant Petersen
Colter Ellis	Kim Norby	President Cruzado	Richard Rudnicki
Chris Fastnow	Susan Raph	Tracy Dougher	
Alison Harmon	Samantha Snow	Ian Godwin	
Ryan Knutson	Jim Zimpel	Megan Lasso	
Rebecca Koltz		Vincent Liang	

I. Welcome and announcements.

- Program assessment reports due 10/15
- Long range building program cycle for 2025 legislature is in full swing
- Library experiencing good busy-ness at start of term, Research Alliance has moved into 3rd floor space
- State of MSU Research 10/27
- UM art museum opened in brand new space, MSU artists in the impressive collection

II. Approval of minutes from 05/24/2023 & 08/30/2023 - approved

III. Discussion

A. President Cruzado's visit

1. Great start this semester
 - a. Pre-registration program, we will continue to build on successes
 - b. Increased enrollment, research, engagement. In alignment with strategic plan
2. Several searches are taking place this fall. Candidates read and recognize our adherence to the strategic plan.
3. President Cruzado invited questions:
 - a. Discussed changing demographics and recruitment landscape, decline in college going, value of higher education, highlighted the critical need to enhance student retention, recognized the ~150,000 Montanans with some college/no degree.

- b. Discussed update of the strategic plan, propose largely non-substantive changes, with flexibility. Communicating proposed changes will be important.
- c. The president asked the Council to review recruitment strategies for returning students, consider what barriers exist, and strategize how to remove those barriers.

B. An Update to highlight valuable insights from subgroup meetings.
Fastnow asked the Council to carefully examine the redline document, review the subgroup documents, and provide email comments no later than October 9th. Fastnow will prepare a draft of the plan to submit to President Cruzado. Communicating what we are changing and why will be important.

- C. Revisit the Planning Council work plan for AY24
- 1. Championing the 'refreshed' Strategic Plan
 - 2. Additional work suggested in the last meeting: Accreditation, compensation deep dive, overviews of centers and core facilities, and persistence to degree group.
 - 3. Additional topics: recruitment strategies, core facilities, Return 2 Learn (and Fresh Start Policy)

IV. Other business - none

V. Public comment – none

Next Meeting
October 25, 2023
1:00 pm -2:30 pm
Montana Board Room, NAH 359