

University Council Minutes
Wednesday, January 4, 2012
8:30 - 10:00 am
SUB Ballroom B

Waded Cruzado, Daniel Adams, Larry Baker, Blake Bjornson, Matt Caires, Tom Calcagni, Susan Dana, Dennis Defa, Joe Fedock, Peter Fields, Carl Fox, Jaynee Groseth, Rolf Groseth, Bob Hietala, Gwen Joseph, Marvin Lansverk, Bob Lashaway, Terry Leist, Diane Letendre, Jim Limbaugh, Paula Lutz, Tom McCoy, Shelley McKamey, Helen Melland, Tamara Miller, Martha Potvin, Jim Rimpau, Michael Stevenson, Leslie Taylor, Jeanne Wilkinson, Allen Yarnell

I. Call to Order

President Cruzado called the meeting to order.

II. Approval of Minutes of November 2, 2011

The minutes were approved as submitted.

III. University Wide Information/ Announcements

President Cruzado introduced MSU-Northern Chancellor Jim Limbaugh and MSU-Great Falls Interim Dean/CEO Gwen Joseph. Vice President Leist introduced Chief Human Resources Officer Dennis Defa.

IV. New Items

A. Proposed Freedom of Expression Policy Revision
Leslie Taylor, University Legal Counsel

Legal Counsel Taylor discussed the revision to the policy includes requirements for displaying banners promoting campus or student events.

B. Revisions to Non-Discrimination Policy
Leslie Taylor, University Legal Counsel

Legal Counsel Taylor discussed the policy was rewritten to include an appeal process for discrimination decisions.

C. Annual Inventory Policy
Leslie Taylor, University Legal Counsel

Associate Vice President Humberger discussed the policy. President Cruzado encouraged everyone to submit the policy to their departments.

D. Property Management Procedures Manual
Leslie Taylor, University Legal Counsel

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V. Information Items

A. Core Themes
Ron Larsen, Associate Provost

This item will be presented at the next University Council meeting.

B. Open MSU
Nic Ward, Professor of Mechanical & Industrial Engineering
William Van Horn, Assistant, Aerospace AFROTC

Mr. VanHorn gave a presentation on OpenMSU. The purpose of OpenMSU is empower staff to do their jobs well, more enjoyably and more efficiently. OpenMSU will conduct surveys, hold listening sessions and set up an online suggestion box.

VI. Updates

Provost Martha Potvin announced this past fall her office has released \$2 million in permanent funding to the colleges. Provost Potvin announced candidates for Dean of Arts and Architecture, Dean of Business and Director of WWAMI will be on campus within the next two months.

Faculty Senate Chair Marvin Lansverk announced faculty senate continues work on the make-up policy for students missing class while representing MSU and Regents Professor Policy. Gallatin College now has a voting member on Faculty Senate.

Professional Council Chair Jeanne Wilkinson announced Communications gave a presentation to Professional Council at the December meeting. Senator Hawks met with Professional Council and gave his perspective on strategizing communications with smaller Montana communities.

Staff Senate Program Coordinator Joan Ford announced the Montana University System Staff Association is working on bylaws for the association. Staff Senate is working on professional development opportunities and establishing a newsletter.

ASMSU President Blake Bjornson announced elections will be coming up soon. ASMSU will be working on budgeting during spring semester.

Chancellor Rolf Groseth announced Tami Haaland, a noted poet and associate professor of English, was recently awarded an Artist's Innovation Award from the Montana Arts Council. Emily Harris, an honors student, was recently elected to the Board of Directors for the National Collegiate Honors Council. Ambrose Taylor, a student at the MSU Billings College of Technology, finished fifth in North America in a Cisco IT/networking challenge competition.

Chancellor Jim Limbaugh announced he is pleased to be Chancellor at MSU-Northern. MSU-Northern is aggressively working on a visioning process. This process will define what MSU-Northern does best and where growth opportunities exist.

Interim Dean/CEO Gwen Joseph announced she is pleased to be Interim Dean at MSU-Great Falls. MSU-Great Falls has many outstanding opportunities.

Foundation President Michael Stevenson announced 2011 was a very exciting year and 2012 will be even better. The MSU Alumni Foundation merger is complete as of January 1. Teresa McKnight, Executive Director of the MSU Innovation Campus, is creating exciting opportunities for MSU. The MSU Foundation is always looking for ways to bring constituents back to campus.

Athletic Director Peter Fields announced the search is in progress for the volleyball coach. Montana State University student-athletes recorded their 20th consecutive semester of team grade point average over 3.0.

Alumni President Jaynee Groseth announced Awards for Excellence will be February 21.

Assistant Vice President Bob Lashaway announced the Cooley Lab renovation is on schedule, the design for the College of Business is underway and the final lights for the stadium will be installed next week.

Dean Helen Melland announced the College of Nursing is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year.

Museum of the Rockies Executive Director Shelley McKamey announced the search for Vice President for Administration and Finance is progressing. The Museum of the Rockies had over 163,000 visitors during 2011.

Dean Tamara Miller announced the Library plans to extend their hours to 2:00 am. James Prosek, world renowned artist, author, and angler will present the MSU Library's 2012 Trout Lecture on January 26.

Affirmative Action Director Diane Letendre announced "friendly" reminders to complete the Discrimination and Harassment training will be sent in January.

Vice President Leist reminded everyone investment proposals are due to the Budget Office by January 19.

Dean Joseph Fedock announced Angela Ahn and her sisters were recently invited to perform at the White House.

Dean Susan Dana announced a group of students is exploring forming a Toastmasters Club on campus.

Dean Matt Caires announced that Patty McGown, Director of Student Activities, will retire soon.

Dean Carl Fox announced the Montana University System graduate deans are working on collaborative opportunities on shared courses and a common application.

Dean Larry Baker reminded everyone of that Skype is now available on campus.

Vice President Jim Rimpau announced the Strategic Planning Committee will be meeting on January 17.

Executive Director Tom Calcagni announced he will be conducting focus groups in six Montana cities.

Dean Bob Hietala announced Gallatin College Programs has been added to the MUS list of comprehensive two-year education providers.

AFMSU President (NTT) Kari Cargill announced the Collective Bargaining Agreement Implementation Plan is now beginning.

Vice President Yarnell announced the contract has been signed with SunGard for Degree Works.

Dean Paula Lutz announced the College of Letters and Science has hired Kelly Waterman as one of their development officers. Sandy MacDonald, Deputy Assistant Administrator, National Oceanic and Atmospheric

Administration, will speak on the “Feasibility of a Predominant Wind and Solar Energy System in the United States” on Wednesday, February 1, 7:00 pm at the Museum of the Rockies.

President Cruzado reminded everyone to attend Spring Convocation next Tuesday, January 10. She also encouraged everyone to review and consider information they have received on the United Way and Montana Community Shares.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 am.