

**Research Council Minutes**  
**Thursday, October 6, 2016**  
**4:00pm – 5:00pm**  
**SUB, room 233**

VOTING:

Reijo Pera, Renee

Arlitsch, Kenning-✓

Beamish, Rollin-✓

Bekkerman, Anton-✓

Cloninger, Mary-✓

June, Ron-✓

Kinion Elizabeth-✓

Lavey, Jenny

Peyton, Brent/Gerlach, Robin -✓

Ruff, William-✓

Thorsen, Andreas

Walk, Seth

Weidenheft, Blake

NON-VOTING:

Hoo, Karlene-✓

VPSS rep: Mitchell, Jim

Mokwa, Bob-✓

Sheehan, Jerry

Young, Mark-✓

Lopez, Eric -✓

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I. Call to Order: 4:03pm

II. Approval of Minutes: May 5 meeting minutes-tabled

III. Information/Announcements

- Potential new date/time for meetings: based on membership poll, Research Council will continue to meet on the first Thursday of each month from 3:30p-5:00p in the President's Conference room.
- Issues for Council to consider in 2017 Academic year:
  - Moving from Crisis mode to Proactive mode
  - Resolving management and funding of core research facilities
  - Clarifying "centers' policies: logical, transparency, sustainability, transition to college, RED office involvement, sunset strategies

IV. Topics for Discussion

- Renee Reijo Pera: Brief financial overview (Mark Young)
  - a) Research expenditures up
  - b) Number of awards granted up dramatically
  - c) Clarification of research number reporting:
    - I. BOR mandated calculation
    - II. NSF required calculation
    - III. Full research number, includes, all research activities (ie, testing agreements), agriculture research (ie, MAES)

- Tracy Ellig: Communications and Research
  - a) Ellig is university's registered lobbyist and markets/sells MSU research story to legislators
  - b) Univ Communications increased number of research story coverage:
    - I. Freelance model – doubled stories' coverages
    - II. Targeted funding specifically to cover research stories
  - c) Provides support to researchers/centers for high quality websites
    - I. Suggestions:
      - i. provide CMS training for all faculty to allow them to create own high quality web pages (ie, Arts faculty already do this as part of their portfolios)
      - ii. initially target junior faculty and intensely research active faculty
  - d) "Talking to the Media" training available for groups and individually
  
- Mark Young: Autoclaves as a Core Facility
  - a) Across campus there is need of shared costs' model for research core facilities (ie, sustainability, maintenance costs, service contracts)
  - b) Goal for Research Council to find, review, and identify examples of other models for purchasing, servicing/maintenance, funding, and running core research equipment facilities that would serve as model for MSU to consider organizing shared research core facilities.

**Next Meeting is scheduled November 3, 2016, 3:30pm, President's Conference room**