

## Research Council Minutes

January 24, 2024

3:30pm – 5:00pm

### VOTING:

Alison Harmon	Sreekala Bajwa
Mary Miles	Anna Tuttle
Mary Cloninger/Robert Walker	Nicole Tuss
Ron June	Blake Wiedenheft
Brent Peyton/Robin Gerlach	Carl Yeoman
Eric Austin	Elizabeth Olson
Molly Secor Turner	Michaela Johnson
Brian Gillespie	Amanda Haab
Michael Reidy	Greg Young
Colter Ellis	Jeff Heys
Darin Boss	Doralyn Rossman

### NON-VOTING:

Craig Ogilvie  
Steve Swinford  
Terry Leist  
Robert Mokwa/Durward Sobek  
Sandra Sward  
Ryan Knutson  
Liz Shanahan  
Chris Fastnow

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- Approval of November 2023 Minutes- Blake Wiedenheft moved to approve, Ron June seconded. The minutes were approved.
  - Introductions and news from the field (All)
    - Introductions of new people:
      - Ian Dunham-Wheeler, Business Operations Manager
      - Anna Tuttle, Interim Director for Undergraduate Scholars Program
      - Director of Economic Development & Impact Position Hired- Mike Veselik, will be working on strategic economic development.
      - New Hire for Office of Research Development- Helaina Stergas is a Research Development Specialist.
  - Research Administration (Sandy Sward)
    - OSP Position Update
      - New Accounting IV- Lane Mosemann- Focusing on Chrome River.
      - Two Fiscal manager positions are still vacant.
    - Spending F&As—Best Practices (Tawnya Morgan)
      - Ensure the intent of funding is to support Research Enterprise.
      - Provide some guidance and consistency.
  - Research Development Updates (Liz Shanahan)
    - Research Development Day had 105 attendees
      - No attendees from the College of Business. We need to figure out how to reach out and how we can be the best support.

- The most valuable thing is developing networking with other faculty in MSU and developing relationships with Program Officers.
- New Software: GrantForward; RFP for external review in progress
  - Will test drive on the GrantForward software for a year to replace SPIN.
  - Putting together an RFP for an external reviewer entity to review big proposals.
- Funded Grants and Grants in the Pipeline (EPA, CAIRHE, INBRE; COBRE, STC)
  - Julia Haggerty received a \$10M EPA grant. Many big projects are coming down the pipe.
  - The HASS Faculty Networking and Collision event will be on February 13th, responding to a research collaborative grant program for networking faculty to work together on projects.
- Research Compliance (Kirk Lubick)
  - Agreement Policy updates
    - Working on the agreement policy after getting some feedback and will bring it to the university council.
    - Working on the services center policy and looking for a Director of RED Service Centers to unify processes and procedures and be responsible for Lab sustainability efforts.
    - Montana IP Day will be held in Missoula this year. Lawyers across the state will talk about Intellectual Property. An important topic is IP data ownership with indigenous partners.
- Undergraduate Research:
  - The Director of Undergraduate Research Position is posted: <https://jobs.montana.edu/postings/39875>
    - Amanda Haab shared positive feedback about the Undergraduate Research Fair. There were 200 attendees and 35 tables from research.
    - Anna Tuttle reported about the Undergraduate Scholars Program- New Partnership with Duke University with 6 weeks of training. 2 graduate students and 4 undergraduates from MSU.
- Graduate Research (Craig Ogilvie)
  - Generative AI – Guidance for Graduate Students (Graduate Council- Chris Livingston, Jason Clark & Ken Silvestri)
    - Draft an Idea around cooperating with the generative AI in Research Process. How you might think about using this technology that might enhance your research. Need guidance from the Research Council to add to the draft. The finalized document will be on the Center for Faculty Excellence website.
- Other announcements and February Agenda items
  - Coltran Hophan-Nichols will be joining the February RC meeting to talk about Research Cyberinfrastructure.

- Sandy Sward updated on the research administration software installation process, getting close to crossing the finish line.

**RESEARCH EVENTS:**

- 994-Journeys with Yves Idzerda; January 30, 2024, 4-5pm; SUB 233
- Office of Research Development HASS Collision Event; February 13, 2024; 3:30-6pm; Leigh Lounge
- Provost Lecture: Jayne Downey; February 13, 2024; 7pm MOR Hager Auditorium
- 994-Journeys with Sarah Shannon; February 20, 2024, 4-5pm; SUB 233
- A Celebration of MSU Research & Innovation, Thursday May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024
- Founders day February 16<sup>th</sup> at the Inspiration Hall

Next Meeting: February 21, 2024, President's Conference Room