

University Council MINUTES
December 4, 2019
8:30 AM - 10:00 AM
SUB 233

Members:

Waded Cruzado, Daniel Adams, Kenning Arlitsch, Eric Austin, Sreekala Bajwa, Taylor Blossom, Matt Caires, Jason Clark, Leon Costello, Chris Dobbs, Ariel Donohue, Dan Edelman, Tracy Ellig, Chris Fastnow, Stephanie Gray, Jeannette Grey-Gilbert, Brett Gunnink, Alison Harmon, Maggie Hayes, Debby Haynes, Robert Hawks, Chris Kearns, Greg Kegel, Chere LeClair, Ilse-Mari Lee, Terry Leist, Bob Mokwa, Chris Murray, Kim Obbink, Craig Ogilvie, Kellie Peterson, Mark Ranalli, Nicol Rae, Sarah Shannon, Royce Smith, Emily Stark, Glen Steinhoff, Dan Stevenson, Cody Stone, Michael Trotter, Cathy Whitlock, Susan Wolff

I. Call to Order
President Waded Cruzado

President Waded Cruzado called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM.

II. Approval of Minutes for November 6, 2019

President Cruzado asked for a motion to approve the minutes for November 6, 2019. Terry Leist made the motion; Dan Stevenson seconded, and the minutes passed unanimously.

III. University Wide Information/ Announcements

A. Year in Review
President Waded Cruzado

President Cruzado asked for an amendment in the agenda to move the “Year in Review” to after the Updates. The Council agreed. She thanked everyone for their efforts in hosting a wonderful Board of Regents meeting.

IV. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

V. Old Items

A. Student Field Trips and Domestic Travel Policy
Kellie Peterson, Legal Counsel

Kellie thanked the group for their good comments on this policy. Given the number of comments and discussion they created she asked that we table this policy in order to work through those and bring back the policy in January for a vote.

B. Restricted Research Policy
Kellie Peterson, Legal Counsel

Kellie thanked the group for their good comments on this policy. Given the number of comments and discussion they created she asked that we table this policy in order to work through those and bring back the policy on January 8th for a vote.

VI. New Items

A. Stay at Work/Return to Work Policy

Kellie Peterson, Legal Counsel

These are edits to an existing policy. President Cruzado asked how it will be disseminated and suggested All Staff Council. This policy will be posted for 30 days and come back for a vote on January 8th, 2020.

VII. Informational Items

A. Student Memorial Project

Ambika Murali, ASMSU Senator

Allison Reinhardt, ASMSU Senator

Rachel Schmidt, ASMSU Senator

Kacie Cummings, ASMSU Senator

Amelia Fountain, ASMSU Senator

Each student introduced herself and shared a bit of a background as to how she is working on this project. Photos were shared of the current memorial for students, followed by a photo of the proposed landscaping and upgrades to make it a “meaningful public space.” The vision is to provide a thoughtful retreat for students who have experienced loss, as well as hold campus events here, given the highly trafficked area. The new memorial could create the opportunity to showcase student art, while better memorializing our Bobcats. There will be an underlying theme of health and wellness, given that 24% of student deaths come from suicide. The students are currently raising funds for this project.

B. Know Your MSU: Nursing Counts for Montana

Dr. Sally Moyce, Assistant Professor, College of Nursing

Dr. Moyce shared valuable information regarding the upcoming census and how our nursing program is helping with collecting data. This includes reaching out to all demographics, especially in rural Montana.

C. *Choosing Promise*: Update on Goal 2.4, Scholarship

Chris Fastnow, Director, Office of Planning & Analysis

Chris Fastnow discussed the elevation of expectations for Scholarship.

VIII. Updates

Each member provided an update about his/her unit, including handouts from our affiliated campuses.

IX. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

President Cruzado then shared a “Year in Review” slideshow highlighting a few items from each month of 2019. In addition, shared that former student, Garrett Leach, was named a Schwarzman Scholar.

NOTE: The next University Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 8th, 2020, from 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM.