

University Council Minutes
Wednesday, May 1, 2013
8:30 – 10:00 am
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Waded Cruzado, Kenning Arlitsch, Daniel Adams, Kregg Aytes, Matt Caires, Kari Cargill, Nancy Cornwell, Dennis Defa, Tracy Ellig, Chris Fastnow, Peter Fields, Jaynee Groseth, Rolf Groseth, Brett Gunnink, Bob Hawks, Bob Hietala, Jeff Jacobsen, Ron Larsen, Bob Lashaway, Dewitt Latimer, Terry Leist, Jim Limbaugh, Tom McCoy, Shelley McKamey, Helen Melland, Pam Merrell, Lindsay Murdock, John Neumeier, Kim Obbink, Martha Potvin, Nicol Rae, Lynda Ransdell, Jim Rimpau, Nora Smith, Michael Stevenson, Susan Wolff, Allen Yarnell

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of Minutes for April 3, 2013

The minutes were approved unanimously.

III. University Wide Information/ Announcements

Interim External Relations Director Tracy Ellig gave a legislative session update.

President Cruzado updated the Council on upcoming commencement activities and the Jake Jabs College of Business and Entrepreneurship groundbreaking.

IV. New Items

A. Honorary Degree Policy

John Neumeier, Faculty Senate Chair

Chair Neumeier gave a background on the existing honorary degree policy. The revisions would clarify procedures, materials that can be submitted, timelines, and that there will be honorary doctorates in the fall and spring.

The President recommended a flow chart for the website.

V. Old Items

A. Emergency Management Policy

Bob Lashaway, Associate Vice President, University Services

Associate VP Lashaway overviewed the new policy and informed the council that there were no comments on the policy received.

Dean of Students Caires commented on how this policy was a great step for the University.

The motion carried unanimously.

VI. Information Items

A. Outreach and Engagement Council Update

Kim Obbink, Chair

Chair Obbink gave the Council a brief history of the program. She stated that less than 70 institutions have been designated as high research and engaged.

The council's mission is to strategically champion engagement at MSU through outreach, leadership, and service to fulfill the land-grant mission.

The targets for the 2012-12 academic year included: council membership, review nominations and recommended faculty outreach award winners, participation in the national engaged scholarship consortium, review applications for Peter C. McGrath award, create and distribute position statement on outreach and engagement.

The next steps include: work with the planning council to identify metrics for strategic planning, establish a plan to fulfill commitments of a Carnegie community engaged institution, identify roadblocks, identify mechanisms for the council to engage with the MSU community, and develop ways to celebrate exemplary outreach and engagement.

More information is available at
www.montana.edu/outreachengagementcouncil

The President thanked Chair Obbink for her hard work and shaping the council.

B. Strategic Plan Update: Engagement and Integration

Chris Fastnow, Director, Office of Planning & Analysis

Director Fastnow explained to the Council the metrics and measurement of engagement and integration. The Planning Council is working in subgroups with partners across campus to refine the metrics. Anyone interested in helping the Planning Council, please contact her.

VII. Updates

Associate Vice President Lashaway updated the Council on the summer construction projects.

Provost Potvin gave an update on the upcoming Promotion and Tenure and Major Scholarship events.

CEO and Dean Susan Wolff informed the Council of the progress made by GFC MSU on updating their strategic plan and academic plan. GFC MSU will be hosting the Board of Regents May 23rd & 24th.

Chancellor Jim Limbaugh updated the Council on the academic program evaluation process. Northern is working to position the institution based on its rural nature.

Chancellor Rolf Groseth gave an update on MSU-Billings spring commencement. He also informed the Council of an upcoming strategy meeting with the Commissioner's office and Strategies 360 to capitalizing on the popularity of City College.

VP of Student Success Rimpau gave an update on commencement plans.

Athletic Director Peter Fields announced that 51 student-athletes would be graduating.

ASMSU President Lindsay Murdock informed the Council that ASMSU will be working on a summer internship program and the Montana Associated Students transition after the May Board of Regents meeting.

VIII. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00am