

**Research Council Minutes**  
**Thursday, May 15, 2014**  
**1:00-3:00 p.m.**  
**President's Conference Room (Montana Hall)**

Reijo Pera, Renee	Idzerda, Yves	Whitlock, Cathy
Arlitsch, Kenning	June, Ron	
Babbitt, Randy	Larsson, Laura	Watts, Myles-rep from Planning Council
Bird, Elizabeth	Leary, Myleen	Hoo, Karlene
Christopher, Suzanne	Peyton, Brent	Marley, Robert
Cloninger, Mary	Ragain, Melissa	Potvin, Martha

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- I. Call to Order: 1:05pm
- II. Approval of Minutes: May 8 meeting minutes - approved
- III. Information/Announcements
  - Dr. Reijo Pera: grant submissions are up 10% over last year at this time, goal is to target an increase of 25% submissions
    - Message to faculty:
      - I. Is Carnegie Classification important to them? This classification is achieved only through faculty
      - II. Build pride in each other and in MSU as an outstanding research institution
    - RED Research Expansion Call for Proposals
      - I. Response was wonderful: 169 proposals from nearly 300 faculty with total requests of nearly \$22.5m.
  - A new MUS State Research Director has been hired: Cindy Orser. She will assist with large state-wide applications, ie EPSCoR, INBRE, COBRE, etc.
- IV. Topics for Discussion
  1. Research Expansion Grants – review process, criteria for reviewers, strategies for funding, etc.
    - Research Expansion Review Committee will:
      1. Critique and evaluate all proposals
      2. Hold presentations of top 25%
      3. Provide pros and cons on all proposals to faculty
      4. Provide list of top 10% to Research Council for recommended funding
    - Dr. Reijo Pera's goals:
      1. Fund all Research Expansion proposals through various and different avenues
      2. Repeat success of the Research Expansion program next year

**Next Meeting: Research Council will meet once during the summer with date/time/location to be determined**