

Research Council Minutes
Thursday, October 2, 2014
2:00-3:00 p.m.
Hamilton Hall, room 214

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Arlitsch, Kenning	June, Ron	Whitlock, Cathy
Bekkerman, Anton	Kinion, Elizabeth	Young, Mark
Christopher, Suzanne	Kohler, Bern	Watts, Myles-rep from Planning Council
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- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Minutes: September 4, 2014 meeting minutes – APPROVED
- III. Information/Announcements
- IV. Topics for Discussion
 1. Research space policy - tabled to future meeting
 2. Weekly Faculty Research Symposiums – tabled to future meeting
 3. Discussed “overview” handout from Dr. Reijo Pera
 - F&As – distributions in past and consider for future
 1. How were/are research costs to be paid
 2. Need to establish reserves
 - Faculty Salary
 1. State support relative to other states/private institutions
 2. Senior Faculty hires – consider skill sets that are interactive across disciplines
 1. Focus areas: HHD, Cell Biology Neuroscience, Earth Sciences, Chemistry/Biochemistry
 3. Recruitment and retention need to have research productivity be part of consideration/measurement for research funds
 - Administrative fee – 6%
 1. During recruitments, departments/colleges need to be aware and inform candidates
 2. Administrative fee on start-ups should be split among department, college and research office
 - Where are we going?
 1. Increase grant output (individuals, center, institutes)
 2. Develop a coherent sustainable F&A plan
 3. Optimize our resources (space, personnel, shared services)
 4. Concern: considering the aggregate number of faculty at MSU, the number of those with doctoral/terminal degrees has fallen

Next Meeting: ~~Thursday, October 16, 2014, @ 2:00pm, 214 Hamilton Hall~~