

University Council Minutes
Thursday, October 7, 2010
8:30 - 9:30 am
Foundation Great Room

Waded Cruzado, Daniel Adams, Susan Agre-Kippenhan, Larry Baker, Joe Fedock, Peter Fields, Nancy Filbin, Jaynee Groseth, Bob Hawks, Bob Hietala, Jeff Jacobsen, Marvin Lansverk, Bob Lashaway, Paula Lutz, Tom McCoy, Shelley McKamey, Donna Williams for Helen Melland, Tamara Miller, Dan Moshavi, Jo Packham, Jim Rimpau, Craig Roloff, Joe Schaffer, Leslie Taylor, Frank Trocki, William Van Horn, Allen Yarnell

Call to Order

President Cruzado welcomed everyone to the University Council and reminded everyone to celebrate Homecoming this week.

I. Approval of Minutes of September 1, 2010

The minutes were approved as submitted.

II. University Wide Information/Announcements

President Cruzado spent October 6 in Great Falls meeting with MSU-Great Falls faculty, staff and constituents to discuss Dean Schaffer's two-year appointment, which is ending soon. There was overwhelming support for Dean Schaffer and it was decided to conduct a one-day interview and allow for individuals to have a 3-5 day period to provide feedback.

President Cruzado announced that during the October 6 conference call the Board of Regents unanimously approved the expanded seating for students in the football stadium. There will be a press conference after the Foundation Board has had the opportunity to meet and discuss the agreement.

III. New Business

A. [Overview of Potential Student Housing Enhancements](#)

Craig Roloff / Allen Yarnell

Vice President for Administration and Finance Craig Roloff gave a presentation on student housing. The presentation is available on the University Council website, http://www.montana.edu/opa/coms/councils/ucouncil/university_council.html.

Provost Fedock asked if any of the dorms would be off-line during the renovation. Vice President Roloff explained that all renovations would be done during the summer months.

President Cruzado emphasized that this proposal is in the planning stage and that it will be referred to the Budget Council. The proposal will come back to the University Council for final approval.

B. Policy Revisions – Leslie Taylor

Legal Counsel Leslie Taylor discussed the procedure for policy revisions and approval. When new or revised policies come to her office, they will be presented to University Council. Following the University Council meeting they will be posted for two weeks, allowing individuals to comment. The policies will then be voted on at the next University Council meeting.

The following policies were discussed and are available on the University Council website:

http://www.montana.edu/opa/coms/councils/ucouncil/university_council.html.

- a. Alcohol Tobacco and Other Drugs Policy
- b. Alcohol Facilities Use Policy
- c. Telecommunications Antenna Apparatus Siting Policy
- d. IT Resource Management Policy
- e. Update of Forest Service Permit Requirements

C. Restoring Institutional Management of Benefits Procedures – Craig Roloff

University Budget Director Kathy Attebury gave a presentation on restoring institutional management of benefits procedures. This presentation is available on the University Council website:

http://www.montana.edu/opa/coms/councils/ucouncil/university_council.html.

Budget Director Attebury will be meeting with numerous groups to answer any questions concerning the restoring institutional management of benefits. No department or college will be penalized and funding will be restored to FY 09 dollars.

IV. Updates

A. Interim Provost Update

Interim Provost Fedock encouraged everyone to review the Deans' Council website. This can be found at:

http://www.montana.edu/opa/coms/councils/dcouncil/deans_council.html.

B. Faculty Senate Update

Faculty Senate Chair Marvin Lansverk announced Commissioner Stearns and Deputy Commissioner Robinson attended a Faculty Senate meeting to discuss performance based funding. Union Official Tom Burgess attended a meeting and Faculty Senate was pleased to learn that the money budgeted for merit raises will be allowed. Athletic Director Peter Fields and Interim Foundation President Michael Stevenson attended a meeting to discuss the Stadium End Zone project. Regent Todd Buchanan will attend the October 13 Faculty Senate meeting.

C. Professional Council Update

Chair of Professional Council Nancy Filbin announced that Professional Council is continuing to work on expanding their communications to all of the MSU campuses professional employees. They are continuing to work to secure a meeting with professional staff and the Board of Regents.

D. Staff Senate Update

Staff Senate Chair William Van Horn announced that the survey on the new prescription plan went to classified employees on October 6. They will be doing a more detailed survey in April 2011.

E. ASMSU Update

ASMSU President Eric Fisher was not in attendance.

F. Athletics Update

Athletic Director Peter Fields announced they had held a series of listening sessions and town halls meetings regarding the End Zone project. Athletic Director Fields and Interim Foundation President Stevenson attended the Faculty Senate meeting October 6, allowing them an opportunity to explain the project. There were good questions, including that 94% of donations received by the Foundation are for academics and 6% for Athletics. The All A's dinner will be held on October 27.

G. MSU-Billings Update

Interim Chancellor Groseth was unable to attend the meeting today because Commissioner Stearns was in Billings for a community listening session. Vice President Rimpau gave an update on the MSU-Billings Chancellor search. Three finalists will be interviewing this month: Sally Johnstone, Linda Rinker and Rolf Groseth.

H. MSU-Northern Update

Chancellor Trocki said beginning tomorrow they will host a luncheon to begin a major retention effort, specifically targeted to student athletes. MSU-Northern is beginning with athletes because student athletes make up 30% of their campus population. They will begin here and blend down to others. Last week MSU-Northern hosted a legislative forum that was very well attended.

I. MSU-Great Falls Update

Interim Dean Schaffer reported the Great Falls campus was abuzz today following President Cruzado's visit yesterday. They have record enrollment and are struggling with parking. The campus is very appreciative of President Cruzado's assistance in obtaining a cadaver for use by their anatomy and physiology students.

J. Alumni Update

Alumni Director Jaynee Groseth reminded everyone of the Homecoming activities coming up and encouraged everyone to attend.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 am.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 3, 8:30 am, Foundation Great Room