

University Council Minutes
Wednesday, April 6, 2011
8:30 - 10:00 am
SUB, Room 233

Waded Cruzado, Daniel Adams, Susan Agre-Kippenhan, Blake Bjornson, Tom Calcagni, Peter Fields, Nancy Filbin, Jaynee Groseth, Rolf Groseth, Bob Hietala, Jeff Jacobsen, Marvin Lansverk, Bob Lashaway, Terry Leist, Diane Letendre, Paula Lutz, Robert Marley, Tom McCoy, Shelley McKamey, Helen Melland, Tamara Miller, Dan Moshavi, Jo Packham, Martha Potvin, Jim Rimpau, Joe Schaffer, Michael Stevenson, Leslie Taylor, William Van Horn, Allen Yarnell

I. Call to Order

President Cruzado called the meeting to order.

II. Approval of Minutes of March 2, 2011

The minutes were approved as submitted.

III. University Wide Information/ Announcements

President Cruzado briefly explained the process to present items for University Council. New action items will be presented and discussed at a first meeting and voted on at a second meeting.

IV. Action

A. President's Climate Commitment - Bob Lashaway, Associate Vice President for University Services

Associate Vice President for University Services Bob Lashaway presented a handout outlining two options for the Climate Action Plan. After discussion, the following revision was unanimously approved by the Council:

Advantages Related to Option 2

Item 2 - Revised to read: Does not rely on but should consider some level of reinvestment of energy "savings" into additional future energy conservation projects.

Option 2, as amended, was unanimously approved by the Council.

B. Addition to Non-Discrimination Policy to require on-line training on sexual harassment prevention for employees- Diane Letendre, Interim Director of Affirmative Action

Interim Director of Affirmative Action Diane Letendre announced the proposed addition had been posted on the policy website for comment as required.

The proposed addition was unanimously approved by the Council.

C. Telephone Book Options – Jim Rimpau, Vice President for Planning and Chief Information Officer

Vice President Jim Rimpau discussed the findings of the Telephone Book Task Force. Although there is support that the directory should “go green,” constituents want to continue the print version of the telephone book. [The full recommendations are attached.](#)

The proposed recommendations were unanimously approved by the Council.

V. Informational

A. Athletics Certification – Jim Rimpau, Vice President for Planning and Chief Information Officer

Vice President Jim Rimpau discussed the NCAA Athletics Certification. Universities are certified by the NCAA every ten years. Montana State University will submit our report to the NCAA on April 29, 2011 and the Certification visit will be September 13-15, 2011.

B. Proposal to Revise MSU Policies on Assembly, Speech and Expression –
Wade Cole, Adjunct Professor of Sociology
Tyler Engel, Student of Literature
Matt Goodwin, Student of Sociology
Jamie Krushensky, Student of Sociology
Kyle-Ann Lucas, Student of Sociology
Meagan Schmidt, Student of Sociology
Elizabeth Sinclair, Student of Sociology

The above students gave a presentation proposing the elimination of free speech zones on campus. They proposed allowing free speech to occur anywhere on campus.

President Cruzado asked Legal Counsel to work with this group of students on a proposed policy and report back to the Council at the May meeting.

C. Community/Two-Year College Transfer – Joe Schaffer, Dean, MSU-Great Falls College of Technology

Dean Joe Schaffer gave a presentation on community college and two-year college transfers to four-year colleges.

Dean Schaffer discussed the need for articulation agreements and priority of MSU-Great Falls to bring MSU high quality junior status students.

D. Tobacco Free Campus – Eric Fisher, Former President, ASMSU

Former ASMSU President Eric Fisher discussed the Tobacco Free Campus Referendum that was approved by 61% of the student voters.

Student leadership will be meeting with Faculty Senate, Professional Council and Staff Senate to discuss the referendum. They will bring back a full report at the May meeting.

VI. Updates

A. Provost

Provost Martha Potvin announced the Provost's office is working on course fee proposals, ongoing common course numbering, on-line programs and retention initiatives.

B. Faculty Senate

Faculty Senate Chair Marvin Lansverk announced Faculty Senate has completed the administrator reviews for this year. Faculty Senate is reviewing the proposed Regents Professor Policy.

C. Professional Council

Professional Council Chair Nancy Filbin announced the Council hosted a professional development seminar last week.

D. Staff Senate

Staff Senate Chair William Van Horn announced Regent Buchanan will be on campus April 20 to meet with various groups, including Staff Senate.

E. ASMSU

ASMSU President Blake Bjornson announced the transition of new officers has gone smoothly. ASMSU is continuing work on the new Senate representation model.

F. Athletics

Athletic Director Peter Fields announced spring sports are in full swing and the stadium construction is going well.

G. MSU-Billings

Chancellor Rolf Groseth announced their semester is concluding and Commencement is April 30.

H. Foundation

Foundation President Michael Stevenson gave a brief update on gifts received by the Foundation.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 am