

University Council Minutes
Wednesday, April 4, 2012
8:30 - 10:00 am
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Waded Cruzado, Daniel Adams, Blake Bjornson, Matt Caires, Tom Calcagni, Kari Cargill, Susan Dana, Dennis Defa, Joe Fedock, Jaynee Groseth, Bob Hietala, Jeff Jacobsen, Gwen Joseph, Marvin Lansverk, Bob Lashaway, Terry Leist, Diane Letendre, Paula Lutz, Robert Marley, Tom McCoy, Helen Melland, Tamara Miller, Sandy Osborne, Martha Potvin, Jim Rimpau, Doug Steele, Michael Stevenson, Leslie Taylor, Kevin Thane, Jeanne Wilkinson, Allen Yarnell

I. Call to Order

President Cruzado called the meeting to order.

II. Approval of Minutes of March 7, 2012

The minutes were approved as read.

III. University Wide Information/ Announcements

President Cruzado announced she attended the Montana Energy Conference in Billings yesterday. Montana State University students held their first Blue/Gold Ball last Saturday night. It was 100% student led and more than 300 students attended. David Halat, a junior in Chemistry and Math has just been awarded a Goldwater Scholarship. President Cruzado invited everyone to attend the Pow Wow on Friday and Saturday of this week.

IV. New Items

A. Conflict of Interest Policy Revision

Pam Merrell, Associate Legal Counsel

Associate Legal Counsel Pam Merrell discussed the Conflict of Interest Policy Revision. The Policy will be posted on the Legal Counsel website. If anyone has questions, please contact Ms. Merrell at pmerrell@montana.edu.

V. Old Items

A. Student Athlete Code of Conduct

Matt Caires, Dean of Students

Leslie Taylor, University Legal Counsel

Legal Counsel Taylor discussed the proposed Student Athlete Code of Conduct and stated no comments were received.

The vote was unanimous to approve the Student Athlete Code of Conduct.

- B. Revision of 4% Administrative Fee Policy to Simplify Method of Payment
Terry Leist, Vice President for Administration and Finance
Laura Humberger, Assistant Vice President for Financial Services

Vice President Leist discussed the proposed Revision of 4% Administrative Fee Policy to simplify Method Payment and stated the policy would be effective July 1, 2012.

The vote was unanimous to approve the 4% Administrative Fee Policy to Simplify Method of Payment.

- C. Annual Security Report
Leslie Taylor, Legal Counsel

Legal Counsel Taylor discussed the Annual Security Report and stated no comments were received.

The vote was unanimous to approve the Annual Security Report.

- D. Breast Feeding Policy
Leslie Taylor, University Legal Counsel

Legal Counsel Taylor discussed the Breast Feeding Policy and state two comments were received. Both comments were in favor of the policy.

The vote was unanimous to approve the Breast Feeding Policy.

VI. Information Items

- A. Alumni Foundation Update
Michael Stevenson, Alumni Foundation President & Chief Executive Officer
Jaynee Groseth, Alumni Association President

Alumni President Groseth discussed the merger of the Alumni and Foundation, now named the MSU Alumni Foundation. The Mission of the MSU Alumni Foundation is: we create lifelong relationships and strengthen our resources to advance Montana State University.

MSU Alumni Foundation President Stevenson gave a presentation on the new organization and discussed the symbolism of the "star" lapel pins that all team members wear. The five "star" points are: Join, Give, Participate, Serve and Champion.

B. MSU Social Media

Tom Calcagni, Executive Director, University Communications
Jake Dolan, Assistant Director, Web Communications

Assistant Director Dolan gave a presentation on how the University engages our audiences with social media. Montana State University has over 19,400 fans on Facebook. If a department wishes to broadcast over Facebook, please contact Jake at jake@montana.edu.

C. Strategic Plan Update

Jim Rimpau, Vice President for Planning & Chief Information Officer

Vice President Rimpau gave an update on the MSU Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan will be presented to University Council in May and voted on in September.

VII. Updates

Provost Potvin announced that an ad hoc committee has been formed to discuss methods to reduce the student time to graduation. This committee is a result of the recent Higher Ed Summit that was held on our campus.

Faculty Senate Chair Lansverk announced Faculty Senate passed the Students Missing Class Policy. Regent Krauss attended Faculty Senate last week.

Professional Council Chair Wilkinson announced the video Professional Council produced about the Impact of Staff on Students is now on YouTube.

AFMSU (TT) President Osborne commended the cooperation of the parties involved in the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Staff Senate Chair Thane announced Staff Senate is offering Real Colors Training to assist staff interacting with constituents and co-workers. Staff Senate has received 500 responses from the "Two Job Survey."

ASMSU President Blake Bjornson introduced incoming ASMSU President Kiah Abbey. ASMSU is working on budgeting and reviewing the potential of remodeling the Exit Gallery.

Vice President Leist announced the Governance Council election process is in place.

Associate Vice President Lashaway announced the Cooley renovation will be complete in summer and occupied by October. We are completing \$9 million in energy conservation projects. Linfield 125 will be renovated and an elevator will be installed in Linfield next summer.

Dean Joseph announced MSU-Great Falls is distributing information on the rebranding of the colleges of technology. MSU-Great Falls is part of a pilot program for an on-line science lab for use throughout the country. The program is sponsored by the National Association for Science Labs On-line. MSU-Great Falls student Stephen Wurz has been named a 2012 New Century Scholar.

Vice President Steele announced the Outreach and Engagement group is working on a proposal for the next University Council meeting.

Dean Marley announced he will take a year off to participate in an American Council on Education fellowship in a mentorship program.

Chief Human Resources Officer Defa encouraged everyone to attend a CHOICES open enrollment presentation.

Affirmative Action Director Letendre encouraged everyone to complete performance reviews in the next 11 days. Today is the one year anniversary of the "Dear Colleague" letter.

Dean Hietala announced the College!Now listening session scheduled for this afternoon on campus.

Dean Miller invited everyone to attend the reception honoring faculty and staff who have published books this past year. The reception will be Tuesday, April 10 at 4:00 pm in Special Collections.

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 am.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 2, 8:30 am, SUB 233