

# University Council MINUTES

April 6, 2022

8:30 AM - 10:00 AM

SUB, Room 235

## Members:

Waded Cruzado, Kenning Arlitsch, Sreekala Bajwa, Norris Blossom, Janelle Booth, Matt Caires, Jason Carter, Julie Clay, Leon Costello, Chris Dobbs, Ariel Donohue, Tracy Ellig, Stephanie Erdmann, Chris Fastnow, Stephanie Gray, Jeannette Grey-Gilbert, Brett Gunnink, Alison Harmon, Robert Hawks, Stefani Hicswa, John How, Yves Idzerda, Chris Kearns, Greg Kegel, Ryan Knutson, Chere LeClair, Ilse-Mari Lee, Terry Leist, Dan Miller, Bob Mokwa, Chris Murray, Kim Obbink, Craig Ogilvie, Kellie Peterson, Sarah Shannon, Royce Smith, Cody Stone, Amber Vestal, Bradford Watson, Kristof Zaba

---

### I. Call to Order

*President Waded Cruzado*

President Cruzado called University Council to order at 8:30am.

### II. Approval of Minutes for March 2, 2022

Terry Leist moved to approve minutes; Chris Dobbs seconded, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

### III. University Wide Information/Announcements

President Cruzado shared we had so much excitement across campus in March. The MSU Constitution event, the men's and women's basketball teams winning the Big Sky Conference Championships and both advancing to the NCAA tournament. The MSU Rodeo team hosts this weekend and Athletics is busy preparing for this.

### IV. Public Comment

There was no public comment offered.

### V. Old Items

#### A. Use of University Name and Logos by Registered Student Organizations Policy Revision

*Camie Bechtold, Chief Compliance Officer*

Tracy Ellig moved to table this item until the May meeting for additional time as they incorporate feedback.

#### B. Media Policy Revision

*Camie Bechtold, Chief Compliance Officer; Mike Becker, News Director, University Communications*

No additional feedback was offered, and the policy revision was passed unanimously.

### VI. New Items

#### A. Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Policy Revision

*Camie Bechtold, Chief Compliance Officer*

Camie Bechtold shared revisions to the unmanned aircraft systems policy are proposed due to increased use of such systems, commonly referred to as drones. The proposed revisions address campus safety, streamline the application and approval process, and based on the type of use, involve additional offices in the approval process.

B. Personal Care Attendant Policy  
*Jennifer Glad, Associate Legal Counsel*

Jennifer Glad shared the proposed personal care attendant policy would govern the use and approval of personal care attendants for qualified students with disabilities in campus spaces that are limited to students or members of the university community, such as residence halls, classrooms and recreational facilities. The policy would not apply to areas of campus open to the general public.

VII. Informational Item

A. *Choosing Promise: Goal 2.3, Strengthen Institutional Reputation in Scholarship*  
*Chris Fastnow, Director, Office of Planning and Analysis*

Chris provided a terrific overview of Goal 2.3: Strengthen institutional reputation in scholarship. Montana State University's success in scholarship results in increased state, national and international prominence.

Metrics and Actions:

1. Montana State University will annually increase scholarship standing when compared to peer institutions.
2. Montana State University faculty will be recognized as regional and national leaders in Grand Challenge areas by 2024.
3. Montana State University will demonstrate improved institutional reputation through the increased size of faculty applicant pools, increased diversity of applicant pools and increased ratio of offers accepted to offers made.
4. Montana State University will increase the number of faculty with membership among national academies, professional society fellows and state/federal/international advisory committees.
5. Montana State University will increase the number of faculty who receive national and international awards, and honors.
6. Montana State University will establish a baseline by 2020 and increase its number of international projects and collaborations in learning, scholarship and engagement by 10% by 2024.

VIII. Public Comment

There was no public comment offered.

## IX. Updates

Pi Kappa Phi honor society recently celebrated 100 years & showcased a documentary from our very own Kelly Gorham and Scott Sterling. It was inspirational and mesmerizing.

Provost Mokwa shared next Tuesday, April 12, Mark Schure to deliver talk in MSU's Provost's Distinguished Lecture Series on mental health from a public health perspective, the intersections of physical and mental health, and one of the foremost issues in Montana, depression.

Chancellor Hicswa shared they had their annual powwow last weekend. Dual enrollment is the highest ever in the history of the university. It is 14% higher. The MSU Billings Foundation board recently hired new President & CEO Krista Montague, former Athletics Director. Gold rating for military friendly institution. Mandy McGraw with City College named Phi Beta Kappa national recognition.

CEO/Dean Erdmann shared fantastic updates of her Great Falls College MSU faculty and staff and important collaborations with the Great Falls community.

President Cruzado shared this is Norris Blossom's final University Council as ASMSU President. He has been incredibly devoted and provided amazing student leadership over this past year.

University Council adjourned at 10:00am.

**NOTE: The next University Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 11, 2022, from 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM.**