

University Council MINUTES
September 7, 2022
8:30 AM - 10:00 AM
SUB, Room 235

Members:

Waded Cruzado, Eric Austin, Sreekala Bajwa, Camie Bechtold, Janelle Booth, Matt Caires, Leon Costello, Chris Dobbs, Ariel Donohue, Tracy Ellig, Stephanie Erdmann, Chris Fastnow, Beverly Garrison, Stephanie Gray, Jeannette Grey-Gilbert, Brett Gunnink, Alison Harmon, Robert Hawks, Jeff Heys, Stefani Hicswa, John How, Yves Idzerda, Chris Kearns, Greg Kegel, Ryan Knutson, Chere LeClair, Terry Leist, Dan Miller, Bob Mokwa, Chris Murray, Doralyn Rossmann, Tricia Seifert, Kim Obbink, Lucas Oelkers, Craig Ogilvie, Kellie Peterson, Sarah Shannon, Royce Smith, Cody Stone, Amber Vestal, Kristof Zaba

I. Call to Order

President Waded Cruzado

President Cruzado called meeting to order at 8:30am.

II. Approval of Minutes for August 10, 2022

Terry Leist moved to approve minutes; seconded by Lucas Oelkers, and minutes were approved unanimously.

III. University Wide Information/Announcements

President Cruzado welcomed Eric Austin as Chair of Faculty Senate this fall and Stephanie Santorico as MSU's ACE Fellow this academic year.

IV. Public Comment

There was no public comment offered.

V. Old Item

A. Limited Submission Research Policy

Nicole Motzer, Director, Office of Research Development

No additional feedback was provided, and the policy was moved to approve by Dean Brett Gunnink; seconded Dean Smith, and the policy was approved unanimously.

VI. New Items

A. Name change for Foundation Seed Program

Sreekala Bajwa, Vice President & Dean, College of Agriculture

Dr. Bajwa has requested to change name to Montana State University Foundation Seed program. There was a motion to suspend rules by Dean Royce Smith; seconded by Terry Leist and the motion was approved unanimously. Dean Smith moved to approve the policy; seconded by Chris Fastnow, and the policy was approved unanimously

B. International Travel Policy Revision

Kristof Zaba, Dean, Office of International Programs

Proposed revisions to the international travel policy expand the type of external resources used by MSU's Campus International Safety Review Committee when advisories from the U.S. Department of State and CDC are not available or are outdated. The revisions would also clarify that student travel to certain destinations should be approved by the Campus International Safety Review Committee, whether or not the study abroad experience involves earning academic credit. And the proposed revisions include language to ensure that all MSU travelers follow applicable MSU Human Resources policies and other procedures. Provost Mokwa thanked Dr. Zaba for his important work on this subject.

C. Real Estate & Leasing Policy Revision

Aurora Dreyer, Real Estate Manager, Campus Planning, Design & Construction

The proposed revisions to the real estate leasing policy expand definitions to include subleasing, cellular site/antenna leases, property management and lease administration, and they define roles and responsibilities when the university enters leases with non-university entities. The proposed revisions also include guidance for the purchase, exchange or sale of real property and the process by which easements are granted. Many kudos were shared with Aurora on her knowledge and her outstanding contributions to MSU.

VII. Informational Item

A. *Choosing Promise: Goal 2.2: Interdisciplinary Scholarship*

Chris Fastnow, Director, Office of Planning and Analysis

Chris Fastnow shared updates on: Goal 2.2 Expanding interdisciplinary scholarship – MSU will secure at least one new interdisciplinary training grant or center grant for each Grand Challenge area by 2024.

Metrics 2.2.2 – MSU well exceeded the target for this goal. And Metric 2.2.3 increased scholarly products that are authored by faculty from two or more academic units by 10% each year.

Metric 2.2.4 9 – MSU will review current policies, resources and facilities that affect interdisciplinary scholarship and develop sustainable models for shared interdisciplinary resources by 2022.

Alison Harmon shared where this is working within core facilities. President Cruzado shared this is one of the most exciting parts of the Strategic Plan for students to have hands-on experience.

VIII. Public Comment

There was no public comment offered.

IX. Updates

Provost Mokwa shared the Career Fair has 203 vendors Oct. 5-7, 2022, in the SUB.

Chancellor Hicswa shared MSU Billings' student enrollment is up about 5% and retention may hit an institutional record.

Chancellor Kegel shared MSU Northern is two weeks into the start of their academic year with lots of engagements and activities on campus.

CEO/Dean Erdmann shared great growth on campus. Targeted to exceed 3-5% with their 8-Week blocks. Dual enrollment is very strong.

University Council was adjourned at 10:00am.

NOTE: The next University Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 5, 2022, from 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM. Please note the location will be Inspiration Hall in Norm Asbjornson Hall on Oct. 5.