

Research Council Minutes
Tuesday, November 23, 2010
3:00 - 4:30 pm
Bradley Conference Room
Wilson Hall

McCoy, Tom	X	Johnson, Cheryl	X	Shaw, Joe	X
Black, Laura	out	Kuntz, Sandy	call-in	Whitlock, Cathy	X
Cloninger, Mary	X	Gee, Regina	X		
Douglas, Trevor	X	Jutila, Mark	X	Fedock, Joseph	X
Erickson, Joanne	X	Marley, Robert	out	Yarnell, Allen	out
Hays, Rick	call-in	Pascual, David	X	Fox, Carl	X

VISITORS: Randy Babbitt, Brian Rossmann, Tracy Ellig

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Dr. McCoy at 2:00 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes of October 14, 2010 meeting

III. Information/Announcement

➤ **Research Council meetings schedule**

- i) Dr. McCoy would like the council to meet more often, to keep meetings at one-hour. Consider meeting twice a month, even if Dr. McCoy is traveling. Needs further discussion.

IV. Topics for Discussion

➤ **Enhancing Graduate Education – Carl Fox**

- i) Dr. Fox provided background/information on the recent BOR decision to allow graduate students with a GRA or GTA appointment to be charged the resident tuition rate. The University Graduate Council will discuss and develop draft document on GRA and GTA definitions, credit requirements, etc. to be eligible for the “resident tuition” rate which will be reviewed by other university committees/councils, ie, Faculty Senate, Deans Council, Research Council, etc.
- ii) Dr. Fox distributed a hand-out on Graduate Education issues, statistics, discussion points, etc. (this has been posted to RC website).
- iii) Discussion included:
 - a. Use of post-docs in lieu of PhD students
 - b. “Graduate” faculty
 - c. Incentivizing departments for producing graduate students
 - d. “statefunded” GTAs
 - e. Stipend standardization

- f. Providing health benefits for graduate students
- g. Number of graduate students compared to research dollars received

➤ **Research Council Membership**

- i) Faculty Senate and Retired Faculty have requested membership on every Council, including Research Council
 - a) Research Council consensus:
 - Research Council has sufficient representation of constituents.
 - All Council meetings are public, anyone can attend.
 - Recommendation to President Cruzado: no additional members added to Research Council at this time.
 - Part of the charge to the Research Council for FY11 is to develop recommendations regarding appointment of the members.

➤ **FY12 Federal Initiatives**

- i) Dr. McCoy distributed hand-out showing MSU-Bozeman requests with brief descriptions of each and provided background BOR required report and the BOR's goal to initiate more cooperation between MSU and UofMT by moving toward one federal initiatives' requests book for both campuses and one federal relations firm for both campuses.
- ii) Van Scoyoc Associates in Washington, DC will be federal relations firm for both campuses with Carolyn Fuller as the campuses' point person.
- iii) President Cruzado would like Research Council involved in federal initiative process.

MEETING ADJOURNED @ 4:25 p.m.

Next Meeting: Thursday, December 16, 2010 from 2:00-3:00 p.m. (Bradley Conference Room)