

Research Council Minutes
Thursday, March 3, 2011
2:00-3:00 p.m.-
214 Hamilton Hall

✓ McCoy, Tom	✓ Johnson, Cheryl	✓ Shaw, Joe
✓ Black, Laura	Kuntz, Sandy – on conf call	✓ Whitlock, Cathy
✓ Cloninger, Mary	Gee, Regina - unavailable	
✓ Douglas, Trevor	Jutila, Mark - unavailable	Potvin, Martha-unavailable
✓ Erickson, Joanne	✓ Marley, Robert	Yarnell, Allen – on conf call
Hays, Rick - unavailable	✓ Pascual, David	✓ Fox, Carl

- I. Call to Order @ 2:04 p.m.
- II. Approval of Minutes of February 10, 2011 meeting – will approve through voting email
- III. Information/Announcements
- IV. Topics for Discussion
 - Finalize Discussion of Recommendations for Enhancing Graduate Education
 - a. Criteria for awarding resident tuition – Final (Vice Provost Fox)
Unanimously approved
 - b. Discussion of current data on graduate enrollments
Lengthy discussion of handouts from Dr. David Singel and Chris Fastnow regarding MSU PhD production
 - i) Tripling research dollars, but PhD production stayed flat
 - ii) Doubled student numbers, but PhD production stayed flat
 - iii) Hiring too many PhD students that are not prepared
 - iv) MSU cannot offer competitive packages, get mid-low students
 - v) Need money to recruit better students; develop ties to smaller, feeder colleges
 - vi) Departments need to make a strategic investment to graduate students
 - vii) Deans need to be invested
 - viii) Culture change needed about investing in graduate production
 - ix) Presidential Expectation: increase quantity and quality of Ph.D. students
 - x) Budget Office wants DGE to reduce graduate tuition waivers, DGE has a few years to work issue out
 - c. Finalize enhancement decisions – tabled, until further discussions
 - Enhancing Interdisciplinary Research – Initial Discussion – tabled, until next meeting
 - a. Incentivizing ideas
 - b. New NSF Director’s Emphasis

- Internal MSU awards
 - a. BEST (Buy-Out for Enhancing Scholarship and Teaching)
 - b. Short-term Professional Development Leave Program
 - c. Will be discussed at the March 24, 2011 RC meeting

Meeting adjourned @ 3:20 p.m.

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 24, 2011, from 2:00-3:00 p.m. in 214 Hamilton Hall