

**Research Council Minutes**  
**Thursday, February 6, 2014**  
**2:00-3:00 p.m.**  
**214 Hamilton Hall**

Arlitsch, Kenning	Hoo, Karlene	Peyton, Brent
Babbitt, Randy	Idzerda, Yves	Potvin, Martha
Bird, Elizabeth	June, Ron	Ragain, Melissa
Camper, Anne	Larsson, Laura	Reijo Pera, Renee
Christopher, Suzanne	Leary, Myleen	Whitlock, Cathy
Cloninger, Mary	Marley, Robert	

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Minutes: January 30 meeting minutes: approved
- III. Information/Announcements
  - Agreed to meet every other week
- IV. Topics for Discussion – See Handouts
  - Ideas for other groups to approach for funding: city of Bozeman, industrial/entrepreneurial groups like Blackstone, optics community, Gallatin county, state grants, Foundation, also will receive some \$ from ending leases
  - Approx. 2MM available for the next 2 years – How to spend this? Ideas:
    - I. Call for Proposals: could fund 2-3 proposals with 200K cap OR 1 big proposal OR top 5 proposals with some addtl fundraising
    - II. Evaluate whether groups/individuals used their past F&As wisely
    - III. Support demonstrated rather than potential ROI
    - IV. Seed grants?
    - V. Interdisciplinary and/or Jr/Sr research teams
    - VI. Incremental model
    - VII. Create an institute
- V. Start-ups
  - Provost helping for short term, Dr. Reijo Pera needs more info
  - Look into other sources of funding, otherwise will wipe out the 2MM available
- VI. Dr. Reijo Pera's Research philosophy:
  - 1) Research creates knowledge. 2) People who create knowledge are happier and more satisfied. 3) Foster research opportunities for students. Learning vs. discovering will distinguish a university. → Raise \$ to accomplish these things.
  - Goal: An independent research enterprise that supports itself.
- VII. Discussion on how to avoid missing grant opportunities
  - Emails to faculty directly from Dr. Reijo Pera
  - Peer pressure on colleagues to participate – assign a leader
  - Incentivize or encourage interdisciplinary collaboration
  - Will look into the “Daily Smarts” email that used to go out from OSP

VIII. Action Items for next mtg:

- Review rest of handouts
- Send any language you might have to VPR office regarding a RFP
- Send any suggestions for wording changes on the “Big 6” list of State Initiatives (Handout pg 3) to Dr. Reijo Pera – We have until this weekend to change titles.

**Next Meeting: Thursday, February 20, 2014, from 2:00-3:00p.m. 214 Hamilton Hall**