

Research Council Minutes
Thursday, January 7, 2016
3:30pm – 5:00pm
President's Conference Room

Reijo Pera, Renee✓	Hilmer, Jonathan✓	Ragain, Melissa✓
Arlitsch, Kenning**	June, Ron	Young, Mark
Bekkerman, Anton✓	Kinion, Elizabeth	
Cloninger, Mary	Leary, Myleen✓	Hoo, Karlene✓
Copie, Valerie	Lipfert, Theo✓	Kearns, Chris/Mitchell, Jim✓
Held, Suzanne	Peyton, Brent✓	Potvin, Martha
**Brian Rossman✓		Sheehan, Jerry

(✓ = present)

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Minutes: December 15, 2015 minutes-approved
- III. Information/Announcements
 - Research enterprise improving – all numbers are up (grants submitted, grants awarded, F&A collections)
 - Three recent NSF Career awards granted
 - MREDI grants: MSU received \$9mm of the total \$15mm
 - i) MREDI PIs will be presenting updates at future RC meetings
 - New prominent scholars seminar series approved by President
 - Research Council Seminar Series
 - i) Six scholars will present over one year
 - ii) Research Council members to select speakers
 - New Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences RFP committee: Melissa Ragain, chair, Theo Lipfert and Anton Bekkerman
 - Proposals deadline is January 15, 2016
- IV. Topics for Discussion
 - Brent Peyton presented information on new Keck Foundation award
 - Awarded prestigious grant of \$1MM to establish William F. Keck Discovery Laboratory to study high-temperature organisms

- Karlene Hoo presented information on graduate education over last 3 years (enrollment, degrees conferred, years to completion, etc.)
 - Goals are to increase graduate enrollment as well as number of doctoral degrees conferred
 - Vision:
 - Obtain global campus buy-in to MSU as a doctoral university
 - Determine appropriate ratio of faculty to students
 - Include graduate student mentoring/advising in faculty P&T consideration
 - Enhance graduate housing options as incentive to attract students

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 4, 2016, @ 3:30pm, President's Conference room