

**Research Council Minutes**  
**Tuesday, October 10, 2017**  
**3:30pm – 5:00pm**  
**Reid Hall 415**

VOTING:

Reijo Pera, Renee

Arlitsch, Kenning

Beamish, Rollin

Bekkerman, Anton

Cloninger, Mary

June, Ron

Kinion Elizabeth

Peyton, Brent/Robin Gerlach

Ruff, William

Thorsen, Andreas

Walk, Seth

Wiedenheft, Blake

NON-VOTING:

Hoo, Karlene

Leist, Terry

VPSS rep: Mitchell, Jim

Mokwa, Bob

Schmidt, Leslie

Sheehan, Jerry/Jonathan Hilmer

Singel, David

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I. Call to Order

II. Approval of Minutes: September 19, 2017

- Approved

III. Space Policy Update

- John How provided an update for the new Space Policy
  - What about people who need space on campus but already have space off campus?
    - I. Hoteling has become a topic of discussion for people who have space off campus in a building such as BSL3 but need space on campus for various reasons such as office hours.
  - All impacted stakeholders need to be considered and communication needs to occur early on. We need to get to a point where every situation is not an emergency.
  - When filling out the ePCF, do not make forms mandatory at the time of the grant proposal but at a time specified after the proposal has been submitted.
  - Office Space Standards
    - I. Needs to be more flexible
    - II. Lab Space: assign one module and the other module as swing space.
  - A draft of the Space Policy can be found at:  
<http://www.montana.edu/spm/spacepolicy.html>
  - Software Meeting
    - I. Metric to research grants, how to track it, how to measure outcome vs sqft.

IV. Financial Update

- Leslie Schmidt presented:
  - RED Allocation Plan to Colleges
    - I. 25% return to Deans who decides how to invest the funds
    - II. What are the metrics to decide whether this plan is working?

- This allocation plan was requested by the Deans to allow them to invest the funds as needed locally and it would bring cohesiveness to long term planning.
- III. How do you know the Deans are spending the money?
- Each Dean has their own account and these accounts are monitored.
- IV. Does the money belong to the University?
- Yes, And it is legislatively mandated to be used to support the research mission of the university.
  - No one would give you the money if it wasn't for the University that is employing you.
  - Able to create an environment where we can come together to discuss the big incentives we want to invest in.
- V. Are there best practices in place for the Deans to distribute funds?
- Yes, for Core Facilities and Startup Funds
  - At least one college has an internal call for faculty to apply for funding to pay for specific needs. A committee reviews these requests and makes awards within the college.
- VI. Are Core Facilities entirely supported by the Deans?
- Might be worth a shared investment
  - A decision on what Core Facilities are needed, needs to be made. A SUB Committee should be created to review the current Core Facilities and make an action plan with one thought being that the Cores start to re-charge.
- Review of FY18 VPRED Commitment Summary List
- I. Much of the VPRED funds are invested in College and Institute Support

**Next Meeting November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017, 3:30pm,  
Location Change: 138 ABB (Animal Bioscience Building)**