

University Council Minutes
Wednesday, June 1, 2011
8:30 - 10:00 am
Foundation Great Room

Joe Callahan, Daniel Adams, Susan Agre-Kippenhan, Larry Baker, Blake Bjornson, Tom Calcagni, Peter Fields, Bob Hawks, Bob Hietala, Jeff Jacobsen, Marvin Lansverk, Bob Lashaway, Terry Leist, Diane Letendre, Paula Lutz, Robert Marley, Tom McCoy, Shelley McKamey, Tamara Miller, Dan Moshavi, Jo Packham, Jim Rimpau, Doug Steele, Michael Stevenson, William Van Horn, Allen Yarnell

I. Call to Order

Vice President for Research Tom McCoy called the meeting to order.

II. Approval of Minutes of May 4, 2011

The minutes were approved as submitted.

III. University Wide Information/ Announcements

Vice President McCoy welcomed Interim Chancellor Joe Callahan and thanked Senator Bob Hawks for his service in the Legislature.

IV. Old Items

A. Proposed Honorary Degree Policy

Pam Merrell, Associate Legal Counsel

Associate Legal Counsel Pam Merrell discussed the proposed Honorary Degree policy. Faculty Senate Chair Marvin Lansverk stated Faculty Senate is willing to vote yes on this policy with the caveat to readdress the policy in the fall.

The vote was unanimous to approve the Honorary Degree Policy.

V. New Items

A. Proposed Free Speech Policy

Pam Merrell, Associate Legal Counsel

Associate Legal Counsel Pam Merrell distributed the Revised Freedom of Expression Policy. The proposed policy will be posted today and voted on at a future University Council meeting.

- B. Proposed Environment, Health and Safety Committee
Tom McCoy, Vice President for Research
Pam Merrell, Associate Legal Counsel

Vice President for Research Tom McCoy discussed the proposed Environmental Health and Safety Committee. This proposed committee will be voted on at the July University Council meeting.

- C. Proposed President/Chancellor/CEO Transition Audit Policy
Daniel Adams, Director of Audit

Director of Audit Daniel Adams discussed the proposed President/Chancellor/CEO Transition Audit Policy. The proposed policy will be posted today and voted on at the July University Council meeting.

VI. Information Items

- A. US Department of Education Dear Colleague Letter Regarding Sexual Violence
Pam Merrell, Associate Legal Counsel

Associate Legal Counsel Pam Merrell discussed this item explaining that it does create a list of things MSU must do. Diane Letendre is the Title IX Coordinator and will coordinate training for faculty, staff and students beginning this fall.

VII. Updates

Faculty Senate Chair Marvin Lansverk announced that Faculty Senate will begin reviewing curriculum this fall. Regent Buchanan was recently on campus and attended the Faculty Senate meeting.

Professional Council Chair Elect Jeanne Wilkinson announced Regent Buchanan was on campus and attended the Professional Council meeting. Director of University Communications Tom Calcagni will be meeting with Professional Council today.

Staff Senate Chair William VanHorn announced Regent Buchanan attended a Staff Senate meeting.

ASMSU President Blake Bjornson announced ASMSU is working on a Student Needs Assessment on Student Government. ASMSU supports the proposed tuition increase.

Interim Chancellor Joe Callahan thanked President Cruzado for her assistance in the transition at MSU-Northern.

Director of Athletics Peter Fields distributed the spring semester student-athletes grade report. This is the 19th consecutive semester with a team GPA above a 3.0.

Foundation President Michael Stevenson distributed the **Foundation Focus** report.

Senator Bob Hawks discussed SJ 8 urging the Montana Board of Regents and the Commissioner of Higher Education to study the growing divide between rural and urban communities and SB 3 which requires state agencies to report on heritage properties.

Vice President McCoy thanked Deans Agre-Kippenhan and Moshavi for their service to Montana State University.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 am.

Next meeting: Wednesday, July 6, 2011, SUB 233.