

**University Council Minutes**

**Wednesday, January 9, 2013**

**8:30 - 10:00 am**

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Waded Cruzado, Kiah Abbey, Kenning Arlitsch, Daniel Adams, Kregg Aytes, Matt Caires, Tom Calcagni, Kari Cargill, Nancy Cornwell, Dennis Defa, Chris Fastnow, Peter Fields, Jaynee Groseth, Rolf Groseth, Bob Hawks, Bob Hietala, Jeff Jacobsen, Dewitt Latimer, Ron Larsen, Bob Lashaway, Terry Leist, Diane Letendre, Jim Limbaugh, Jill Martz, Tom McCoy, Shelley McKamey, Helen Melland, John Neumeier, Kim Obbink, Sandy Osborne, Martha Potvin, Nicol Rae, Lynda Ransdell, Jim Rimpau, Nora Smith, Leslie Taylor, William Van Horn, Susan Wolff, Allen Yarnell

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I. Call to Order

President Cruzado called the meeting to order.

II. Approval of Minutes of December 5, 2012

The minutes were approved as read.

III. University Wide Information/ Announcements

President Cruzado announced Shari McCoy's retirement and Susan Fraser's relocation to the College of Agriculture as the Assistant to the Dean. The President welcomed Maggie Hammett and Jayson O'Neill as the new Assistants to the President.

Provost Potvin welcomed Dean of Education, Health, and Human Development Lynda Ransdell and Dean of Letters and Science Nicol Rae.

Dean and CEO Wolff introduced new Chief Fiscal Officer Dr. Darryl Stevens.

IV. Old Items

A. Student Electronic Communications Policy

Leslie Taylor, Legal Counsel

Legal Counsel Taylor discussed the new Student Electronic Communications Policy. There were no comments on the proposed policy change. The vote was unanimous to approve the Student Electronic Communications Policy

B. Proposed Revisions to Donated Sick Leave Policy

Dennis Defa, Chief Human Resources Officer

Chief Human Resources Officer Defa asked Susan Alt to discuss the proposed revisions to the Donated Sick Leave Policy. Susan noted that two comments were submitted on the proposed policy. One comment was cosmetic and the other, regarding adoption, was clarified by Legal Counsel Taylor. The vote was unanimous to approve the revisions to the Donated Sick Leave Policy

V. New Items

There were no new items.

VI. Information Items

There were no information items.

VII. Updates

Provost Potvin reminded the Council that tomorrow, Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>, is convocation in the Procrastinator Theatre to acknowledge outstanding faculty and staff.

President Cruzado thanked the Council for the success of Winter Commencement, noting it was the first since WWII.

Vice President Terry Leist announced the new Sustainability Director Kristin Blackler.

Vice President for Student Success Jim Rimpau noted that we are a month away from a student count.

Vice President for Research, Creativity, and Technology Tom McCoy is recruiting a full-time federal grant compliance officer to assure all new federal guidelines are followed.

Chancellor Limbaugh thanked CIO Dewitt Latimer for his assistance establishing a viable video conferencing system at MSU-Northern. FTEs at MSU-Northern are up by 42.3, the first increase in nearly a decade. Northern is working on a marketing effort titled 'Find Your True North.'

CEO and Dean Wolff announced a partnership with MSU-Billings for a bachelor's degree in Dental Hygiene. The new Great Falls College MSU childcare center opened on Monday, Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>. On Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> the College will be holding its new branding ceremony.

Chancellor Groseth announced a student at MSU-Billings placed 5<sup>th</sup> in an international business competition. The science building had a fire extinguisher leak that damaged several floors and reiterated the need of the facility upgrade this legislative session.

ASMSU President Abbey encouraged comments on the revisions to the Non-Discrimination Policy. Abbey asked the Council to encourage students to apply for the soon to be vacant Student Regent position. ASMSU is coordinating with the Bozeman Police on the Good Neighbor Program.

Dr. John Neumeier spoke on the suicide prevention initiative, and announced the Faculty Senate meeting today.

Sandy Osborne informed the Council of the upcoming days of action for the 2013 legislative session on Presidents Day and Martin Luther King Day – buses for transportation will be provided.

Former Senator Hawks gave a brief legislative update on his conversation with Representative Tom Woods, a member of the Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on Education.

CIO Dewitt Latimer reminded the Council that next Thursday, Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>, a town hall on campus emails will be held. He would like all campuses to coordinate.

Extension Director Martz announced the Extension legislative day. Extension plans on having a completed strategic plan by the end of the month.

Chairman Bill Van Horn spoke to the additional involvement in Staff Senate.

Athletic Director Fields announced that the average GPA for athletics was 3.0 and 49 student athletes have all A's or A-'s. MSU Athletics posts a 77% graduation rate. The schools first-ever Buck Buchanan Award as the top defensive player in the FCS went to Caleb Schreibeis.

Shelley McKamey announced the current exhibits at the Museum of the Rockies.

Alumni President Groseth announced a goal of 20,000 members by 2017, and the Alumni Association's work to create life-long relationships. President Cruzado suggested alumni testimony during the legislative session.

Director Calcagni recommended everyone view the new MSU airport decal, and through outreach efforts, charitable giving by faculty and staff increased by 50%.

Dean Caires announced the hosting of a forum for Assistant Dean in the College of Arts and Architecture.

Associate Vice President Lashaway requested ideas and input for the Romney Oval. President Cruzado asked the Council to be creative with the development of this outside venue.

Dr. Kim Obbink, Chair, announced the new website for the Outreach & Engagement Council.

VIII. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00am