

University Council Agenda
September 3, 2025
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM
SUB, Alumni Legacy Lounge

Members:

Brock Tessman, Dean Adams, Fran Albrecht, Justin Arndt, Richard Badenhausen, Sreekala Bajwa, Mike Becker, Matt Caires, Leon Costello, Chris Dobbs, Stephanie Erdmann, Stephanie Gray, Jeannette Grey Gilbert, Brian Gillespie, Brett Gunnink, Alison Harmon, Debbie Haynes, Stefani Hicswa, John How, Greg Kegel, Ryan Knutson, Chere LeClair, Kayla Lee, Terry Leist, Rob Maher, Bob Mokwa, Sally Mudiamu, Doralyn Rossmann, Tricia Seifert, Steve Swinford, Kim Obbink, Kellie Peterson, Sarah Shannon, Cody Stone, Will Thomas, James Tobin, Lenny Triem, Brad White

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 8:31am

II. Approval of Minutes for August 13, 2025

Motion to approve by Fran Albrecht
Second by Matt Caires
Unanimous Approval

III. Public Comment

No public comment

IV. Old Items

A. Conflict of Interest

Kirk Lubick, Associate Vice President, Research Integrity & Compliance

Motion to approve Terry Leist
Second by Sarah Shannon
Unanimous Approval

V. University Wide Information/ Announcements

Great Falls MSU – Leanne Frost
Enrollment is up
Continuing students has increased and they've been focused on retention
Online students are retaining

MSU Northern

Football and Cross Country players are back
Feels good across the campus
Number of events that we're working on
Persistence is on their mind
Projects that are going to purposely focus on persistence

MSU Billings

Classes start today
Dinners w/students and Chancellor Hicswa
Hopeful that numbers are going to be up
Year 7 visit is October 8-10

*New building in Great Falls is opening October 6 for MRJCON
Chronicle of Higher Ed Almanac is out – all photos are MSU
If a student organization reaches out for money, please direct them to Matt and Steve first
Goldwater Scholarship opened yesterday – encourage students to apply
Student employment job fair in the Ballrooms – Career Fair is October 1
Resource Fair on the circle on Grant St. tomorrow (September 4)*

VI. New Items

- A. New policy – Animals On Campus
Jennifer Glad, Associate Legal Counsel

VII. Old Items

- B. Hospitality Business Manual
Megan Lasso, Associate Vice President, University Budgets & Financial Services

*Motion to approve Brett Gunnink
Second by Terry Leist
Unanimous Approval*

- C. Term Designated Revolving Account
Megan Lasso, Associate Vice President, University Budgets & Financial Services

*Motion to approve John How
Second by Mike Becker
Unanimous Approval*

VIII. Informational Items

- D. Limited Submission Policy
Tracy Gatlin, Assistant Director of Research Development

IX. Updates

X. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:58am

**NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2025 @ 8:30AM, SUB
ALUMNI LEGACY LOUNGE**