

Research Council Minutes
Thursday, December 5, 2013
2:00 p.m. – 214 Hamilton Hall

Camper, Anne	Idzerda, Yves	Peyton, Brent
Babbitt, Randy	June, Ron	Ragain, Melissa
Bird, Elizabeth	Larsson, Laura	Whitlock, Cathy
Christopher, Suzanne	Leary, Myleen	Larsen, Ron
Cloninger, Mary	Arlitsch, Kenning	Marley, Robert
		Potvin, Martha

I. Call to Order

II. **Approval of Minutes:** November 21 meeting minutes approved.

III. **Goal :** discuss, compartmentalize strategies for increasing research activity and have a concise and coherent summary to give to Pera

IV. **Discussion:**

- Re: academic calendar concerns – dates are set 2 years in advance so beginning AY15 the calendar will be changed and should alleviate concerns about Fall semester dates
- Potvin indicated that a committee had considered January term fairly recently and determined that it was not a good fit for MSU but that a May term might be a possibility
- Strategies for increasing grant activity FY15 and beyond (includes topic of possibilities for grant writing support on campus).
 - Ideas generated have been added to handout from 12/5 meeting (attached)
- Potvin update from Missouri visit – collaborative grants
 - U Missouri is moving in a big way to integrated, interdisciplinary work that permeates the entire campus
 - As they pull teams together they are finding that it is easier to support teams based on the research piece, then the curriculum bubbles up once people are working together
 - Need to have: investments in concept, seed grants to stimulate the work, provide a strong incentive for people to get together, collaborative spaces, top-down and bottom-up decisions re: where areas of strength need to be
- Ideas generated re: helping to find/form collaborations have been added to handout from 12/5 meeting (attached)
- Energy Design Fair – can get an initial design or a prototype made for the cost of the materials

V. **Goals for next meeting**

- Consolidate ideas/strategies on how to increase research productivity

Next Meeting: Thurs, December 19, 2013, 2:00-3:00 p.m. 214 Hamilton Hall