

University Council Minutes
Wednesday, July 6, 2011
8:30 - 10:00 am
SUB 233

Waded Cruzado, Daniel Adams, Larry Baker, Joe Callahan, Susan Dana, Joe Fedock, Peter Fields, Nancy Filbin, Carl Fox, Rolf Groseth, Bob Hawks, Bob Hietala, Jeff Jacobsen, Marvin Lansverk, Bob Lashaway, Terry Leist, Paula Lutz, Robert Marley, Tamara Miller, Jo Packham, Martha Potvin, Jim Rimpau, Doug Steele, Leslie Taylor, Kevin Thane, Allen Yarnell

I. Call to Order

President Cruzado called the meeting to order.

II. Approval of Minutes of June 1, 2011

The minutes were approved as submitted.

III. University Wide Information/ Announcements

President Cruzado announced representatives from the Montana University System recently attended a workshop in Denver on strategizing for academic programs.

The Board of Regents will hold a planning session in Helena on August 2.

Matt Caires, Dean of Students, will officially join our staff at the end of July.

Move in Day is August 24.

IV. Old Items

A. Proposed Environment, Health and Safety Committee
Pam Merrell, Associate Legal Counsel

Associate Legal Counsel Pam Merrell discussed the proposed Environment, Health and Safety Committee.

The vote was unanimous to endorse the Environment, Health and Safety Committee.

B. Proposed President/Chancellor/CEO Transition Audit Policy
Daniel Adams, Director of Institutional Audit and Advisory Services

Director of Institutional Audit and Advisory Services Daniel Adams discussed the proposed President/Chancellor/CEO Transition Audit Policy.

The vote was unanimous to approve the President/Chancellor/CEO Transition Audit Policy.

V. New Items

A. Proposed Tobacco Free Campus Policy and Implementation Plan
Leslie Taylor, Legal Counsel

Legal Counsel Leslie Taylor discussed the proposed policy. The first year will be dedicated to ensuring everyone is informed of the policy. Concern was expressed that this policy should be voted on when the students and faculty are back on campus in the fall.

A motion was made to table the policy vote until October 2011. The vote was unanimous to table the proposed Tobacco Free Campus Policy and Implementation Plan.

VI. Information Items

A. Long Range Building Planning
Bob Lashaway, Associate Vice President for University Services

Associate Vice President for University Services Bob Lashaway presented the Long Range Building Program Process.

B. President's Commission on the Status of University Women
Jessi Smith, Associate Professor of Psychology
Phenocia Bauerle, Program Manager, Diversity Awareness Office

Associate Professor Jessi Smith and Program Manager Phenocia Bauerle presented the President's Commission on the Status of University Women. Author Virginia Valian, Why So Slow, will be on campus September 16, 2011.

VII. Updates

Provost Martha Potvin announced President Cruzado has created a task force for advising. The Associate Provosts and Director of Faculty Development positions should be announced soon.

Professional Council Chair Nancy Filbin announced Professional Council will host a professional development seminar led by Professor Myles Watts.

Professional Council is continuing work with Career Services Director Carina Beck on the mentoring project.

Staff Senate Chair Kevin Thane announced Staff Senate continues to work on employee retention.

ASMSU Vice President Joey Steffans announced ASMSU is participating in Orientation. Many incoming students have expressed interest in student government. ASMSU elections will be held in September.

Senator Bob Hawks discussed the new DUI legislation. It will be important for the campus community to be aware that second offenses will be very severe.

Vice President for External Relations Doug Steele announced the dedication of the new County Extension Office in Sidney will be held on July 26.

MSU-Billings Chancellor Rolf Groseth announced student applications are up 4%. MSU-Billings will dedicate a memorial commemorating the tenth anniversary of the September 11 attacks.

MSU-Northern Chancellor Joe Callahan thanked everyone for their continued assistance. MSU-Northern continues to face challenges in hiring faculty and staff. Academic Search Consultant Constantine Curris will be on campus to meet with the Chancellor Search Advisory Committee in July. The Gear-Up and Upward Bound programs have been very successful this year.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 am.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 3, 2011, SUB 233