

University Council MINUTES
September 1, 2021
8:30 AM - 10:00 AM
SUB, Room 235

Members:

Waded Cruzado, Kenning Arlitsch, Sreekala Bajwa, Camie Bechtold, Norris Blossom, Janelle Booth, Matt Caires, Jason Carter, Julie Clay, Leon Costello, Chris Dobbs, Ariel Donohue, Tracy Ellig, Stephanie Erdmann, Chris Fastnow, Stephanie Gray, Jeannette Grey-Gilbert, Brett Gunnink, Alison Harmon, Deborah Haynes, Robert Hawks, Stefani Hicswa, John How, Yves Idzerda, Chris Kearns, Greg Kegel, Ryan Knutson, Chere LeClair, Ilse-Mari Lee, Terry Leist, Dan Miller, Bob Mokwa, Chris Murray, Kim Obbink, Craig Ogilvie, Kellie Peterson, Sarah Shannon, Royce Smith, Cody Stone, Amber Vestal, Bradford Watson

I. Call to Order

President Waded Cruzado

II. Approval of Minutes for August 11, 2021

Royce Smith moved to approve minutes; seconded by Chris Kearns. Minutes were approved unanimously.

III. University Wide Information/Announcements

President Cruzado shared excitement of the Mark and Robyn Jones investment of \$101 million to the College of Nursing on August 30, 2021.

IV. Public Comment

There was no public comment offered.

V. Old Items

A. Revisions to Space Management Policy, Principles, and Research Guidelines
Kellie Peterson, Legal Counsel; Richard Rudnicki, Planning Manager, Campus Planning Design & Construction

Norris Blossom moved to table vote, so ASMSU may review more closely; Terry Leist seconded. Motion to table the vote was approved unanimously.

B. University Contract Approval and Execution Proposed Policy
Jennifer Glad, Associate Legal Counsel

Terry Leist moved to table the vote; Bett Gunnink seconded motion to table vote. Motion to table the vote was approved unanimously.

VI. New Item

Research Misconduct Policy Revision
Camie Bechtold, Chief Compliance Officer; Kirk Lubick, Director, Office of Research Compliance

The proposed updates to the research misconduct policy, last updated in 2012, would create more transparency and ensure compliance with federal regulations. Proposed

updates include additional definitions, a timeline, details about the inquiry process, the appointment of an advisory committee to assist with a research misconduct investigation, and details about appeals.

VII. Informational Items

A. Long Range Building Program (LRBP) Process

John How, Associate Vice President, University Services

Madison Graff shared as part of the state's biennial Long-Range Building Program, each campus in the Montana University System prepares project lists for funding consideration during the Montana Legislature. Recent MSU successes with the Long-Range Building Program include funding for renovating Romney Hall and repairing the Lewis Hall roof. Madison reviewed the process, including the steps leading to the next Legislature in 2023, and recapped projects funded during the 2021 legislative session.

B. *Choosing Promise: Goal: 2.4: Elevating Research Expectations*

Ian Godwin, Associate Director, Office of Planning and Analysis

Ian shared Intentional Focus 2: Improve Lives and society through research, creativity, and scholarship, found here:

<https://www.montana.edu/strategicplan/improvinglives.html>

& Goal 2.4: Elevate expectations for scholarship:

Montana State University faculty, staff, and students hold themselves to the highest standards of research and creative outcomes.

METRICS and ACTIONS:

1. Colleges, departments, and centers will set goals and document progress in their annual research reports by 2020.
2. Montana State University will have annual contract and grant expenditures exceeding \$200 million spanning all units by 2024.
3. Publications, presentations of creative works, translational research and creative activity, and other evidence of dissemination of scholarship will meet or exceed peer benchmarks by 2024.
4. Montana State University will increase the number of research faculty, research staff, post-docs and graduate students funded on external contracts and grants by 2022.

VIII. Public Comment

There was no public comment offered.

IX. Updates

Around the table updates were shared from members.

University Council adjourned at 10:00am.

NOTE: The next University Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 6, 2021, from 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM.