

University Council Minutes
Wednesday, February 6, 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, Dennis Defa, Chris Fastnow, Peter Fields, Rolf Groseth, Brett Gunnink, Bob Hietala, Jeff Jacobsen, Ron Larsen, Bob Lashaway, Dewitt Latimer, Terry Leist, Jim Limbaugh, Jill Martz, Tom McCoy, Helen Melland, John Neumeier, Kim Obbink, Martha Potvin, Nicol Rae, Lynda Ransdell, Jim Rimpau, Nora Smith, Michael Stevenson, Leslie Taylor, Susan Wolff, Allen Yarnell

I. Call to Order

President Cruzado called the meeting to order.

II. Approval of Minutes for January 9, 2013

The minutes were approved as read.

III. New Items

A. Student Trip Policy (See Attachments)

Leslie Taylor, Legal Counsel

Legal Counsel Taylor gave overview of new student trip policy. She encouraged review of the documents and noted that international travel is still being formalized.

Dean Ransdell suggested an example, ratio, or guideline.

President Cruzado suggested an accompanying policy guideline.

Faculty Senate Chair Neumeier asked whether faculty has had the chance to review the policy. Legal Counsel Taylor encouraged Deans' and Faculty to share and comment on proposed policy.

ASMSU President Abbey requested the Office of International Programs be consulted.

President Cruzado clarified that new items are placed on the agenda and announced, reviewed for at least 30 days, then placed under old items before a final vote.

Legal Counsel Taylor indicated that the review process may take longer than 30 days.

IV. Old Items

There were no old items.

V. Information Items

A. Quarterly Campus Planning Update

Vice President of Student Success Jim Rimpau and Associate Vice President Robert Lashaway

Associate VP Lashaway gave the high level update on campus planning. The master plan was completed in 2008, landscape plan was completed in 2012, and the utilities plan is under way. The Long Range Building Program (LRBP) covers all campuses and MAES. LRBP is an ongoing process that is currently being decided by the legislature. Legislative decision should be known by the end of April.

58 current projects, totaling \$100 million, are underway. Cooley lab is going to be complete in May. The new College of Business building is set to be completed in May of 2015. If approved, Romney Gym will be complete in 2016.

Currently, \$1.5 million of classroom project updates: Gaines Hall was completed two weeks ago, with Wilson expected completion in April, and Linfield large lecture hall renovation by fall of 2013.

Three parking projects that will be finished by fall include: paving of South Field, expanding pay parking for visitors and conference parking, and open Harrison St. to 11th Ave.

Creative Arts seismic updates will provide more area and Leon Johnson project will commence this summer.

More information: <http://www.facilities.montana.edu/pdc/projects/>

Faculty Staff Chair Neumeier inquired as to the status of Reid Hall after the College of Business relocates and the availability of classroom space with the anticipated growth.

Associate Vice President Lashaway explained that some of the EHHD offices currently located in Romney may be consolidated in the building, and classroom renovations can be completed during the summer to try to avoid disrupting classes during the academic year. More classroom space can be utilized with extended hours.

Vice President of Student Success Jim Rimpau updated the Council on student housing.

Our current situation: 3,405 students in residence halls, which is a record. Students were in temporary housing no longer than 10 days.

The University is limiting singles in double rooms and adding 90 new beds by fall.

Vice President Rimpau indicated that they are looking at the pros and cons of using a P3, Public Private Partnership to provide more housing in the future.

Faculty Staff Chair Neumeier asked what was planned for the space now that the monopoly family and graduate housing were removed and how are we addressing those needs?

Associate Vice President Lashaway explained that in the long-term that space would be for science and plant buildings.

Auxiliary Services Director Tom Stump said that we are near capacity in family and graduate house with a waiting list.

Vice President Rimpau indicated that MSU is keeping a close eye on upcoming private housing projects in the community that would potentially provide housing for non-traditional and graduate students.

ASMSU President Abbey thanks the facilities department for their work, and informed the Council that ASMSU is looking for a graduate student liaison to be a non-voting member of their organization. In addition, Abbey requested a list of projects.

B. Strategic Plan Access Goal Update

Director of Planning and Analysis Chris Fastnow

Director Fastnow summarized the metrics of the two overall objectives of MSU's Access Goal of growing the student body and diversity.

- Increase retention and some recruiting;
- Growing resident undergraduate with growth in transfer students;
- Graduate student headcount is down slightly;
- Gallatin College continues to grow;
- Good progress in Native American and under-represented ethnicities;
- Non-traditional age and international student population continue to grow.

President Cruzado explained that every month there will be a part of the strategic plan that is discussed.

C. Welding Program Expansion to Support ADF Group
Dean and CEO Susan Wolff

Dean and CEO Wolff presented on the ADF Group, Inc. plan to expand to Great Falls. ADF Group, Inc. is a welding and fabrication company. The company will require 200 trained employees for their operation.

MSU GF is looking to partner with Flathead Valley Community College and Helena College to help certify welding and fabrication.

Interim Dean Gunnink had a great meeting with ADF Group, Inc. and the College of Engineering made a one year to three year agreement with MSU GF.

VI. University Wide Information/ Announcements

President Cruzado invited all the members of the Council to attend the Biofilm research display.

VII. Updates

Chancellor Groseth informed the Council that MSU - Billings would be hosting Governor Bullock on campus to look at the science building and discuss the bonding bill.

Chancellor Limbaugh reported that enrollment at Northern is the highest since 2006.

Dean and CEO Wolff reported that MSU GF enrollment increased by 45 this spring and the Foundation hired a new development director, Lisa Flowers.

ASMSU President informed the Council of the upcoming ASMSU elections on March 5th and 6th, as well as the student rotunda day on March 7th for the legislative session.

Executive Director of Communications Calcagni discussed the University's branding efforts.

CEO and Dean Hietala invited members to attend the Gallatin College rebranding announcement.

Athletics Director Fields spoke about national signing day and the Big Sky indoor track championships in two weeks at MSU.

Foundation President & CEO Stevenson update the Council on 120th anniversary celebration with a major gift announcement, the Foundations strategic plan, and upcoming board meetings.

Dean Arlitsch notified members that the library will be re-opening the west entrance in May, the coffee stand will be selling food in April, and the gate traffic at the library has increased by 25%.

Interim Dean Larsen commented that graduate student recruitment will begin in March.

VIII. Public Comment

There was no public comment.