**Budget Council Agenda**

**Tuesday, September 26, 2017**

***Bradley Conference Room, Wilson Hall***

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| Terry Leist | Christina Fastnow | Jeff Heys |
| Stephen Murray | David Reese | Nicol Rae |
| Renee Reijo Pera |  |  |
|  |  | *In Attendance:**Kathy Attebury, Tracy Ellig, Tami Eitle, Lisa Hespen* |

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Terry Leist.

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the August 22, 2017 meeting were approved.

1. Information/Announcements/Updates

There currently is no information regarding potential state budget cuts. We are waiting for information from the Governor’s office though there is not a set deadline for a decision to be made.

 IV. Current Business

*Accreditation: Tami Eitel, Interim Associate Provost*

The accreditation team will be visiting MSU October 16th through the 18th. It is anticipated that the accreditation team will want to meet with members of the Budget Council during their visit. Tami will advise the Council when they can expect to meet.

Tami believes the accreditation team will value the advancements Budget Council has made to MSU’s budgeting processes and that these adjustments confirm MSU is consistently planning ahead and assessing what is working and what is not.

There was discussion on what topics may be addressed during the visit. Below are a few themes which may be addressed:

 -IDEALS core themes (integration, discovery, engagement, assess, learning, stewardship)

 -University’s mission

 -How our new budget model operates

-The manner in which information is communicated to individual departments as well as to

 the Provost, VP’s, and the President

-Budget Council’s role in planning regarding how we safeguard the University from lean

 times through the use of pools

-how the core themes and strategic plan fit into planning the University’s budgets,

 investments, and goals

It was noted that the Strategic Plan is consistently referenced when creating budgets, investments, analysis, etc. and is a living document that changes and evolves as MSU changes and evolves and further remarked that a lot of great things have been accomplished.

The next budget meeting will be **October 24, 2017,** in thePresident’s Conference Room**.**

Meeting was adjourned.