

# Deans' Council

## Minutes: Tuesday, November 23, 2010

1:00 – 2:30 pm

President's Conference Room

Montana Hall

Joseph Fedock

Susan Agre-Kippenhan

Larry Baker

Jeff Jacobsen

Marvin Lansverk

Paula Lutz

Robert Marley

Tom McCoy

Helen Melland

Tamara Miller

Dan Moshavi

Allen Yarnell

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### I. Call to order

The Provost called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

### II. Approval of Minutes of October 19, 2010, Meeting

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as written. The vote was unanimous in favor of approval.

### III. Information/Announcements

The Provost reviewed the November 18 and 19 Board of Regents meeting. Peg Wherry and Kim Obbink were thanked for their assistance with the distance education presentation for the Board. Helen Melland was commended for her work in gaining approval for the accelerated nursing option. Tom McCoy was instrumental in seeking approval for the National Solar Observatory (NSO). Carl Fox and others worked diligently to present and gain approval for a proposal on graduate tuition rates for GRAs and GTAs that we anticipate will provide an opportunity to enhance graduate education.

Retention data (persistence rates) by department was distributed. Please contact Chris Fastnow in Planning and Analysis for additional data.

The Provost requested nominations from Academic Affairs to serve on a university-wide task force on charitable giving created by the President.

Faculty Senate Chair, Marvin Lansverk, reported that Faculty Senate has approved the position description and accompanying policy statement for the Faculty Athletic Representative (FAR).

**IV. Topics for Discussion:**

**A. Department of Music Name Change – Susan Agre-Kippenhan**

Following review of submitted materials, Deans' Council endorsed moving forward with the proposed name change to School of Music.

**B. Professional Masters of Science and Engineering Management – Carl Fox/Dan Moshavi/Paula Lutz**

This will be the first professional masters program in Montana. It will be an interdisciplinary program and offered via a hybrid distance delivery model. The proposal has been endorsed by Faculty Senate. Deans' Council endorsed moving forward with the proposed degree program.

**C. RFP for Distance and On Line Program Development – Kim Obbink/Peggy Wherry**

The Board of Regents has approved \$500,000 for distance education over the next four years. A call for proposals for distribution of these funds will be distributed in the near future.

**D. Graduate Tuition Rates – Carl Fox**

As approved by the Board of Regents, GTAs and GRAs will receive resident tuition rates effective FY12. Clear definition of criteria for GTA and GRA positions must be established. Carl Fox will work with Graduate Council to develop criteria and return to Deans' Council with a recommendation.

**E. Allocation of Benefits Authorization to Academic Affairs – Craig Roloff/Kathy Attebury**

Academic Affairs has been working with the Budget Office to establish the "baseline" for health care FTE. Following discussion, an agreement was reached with the Vice President of Administration and Finance to set this baseline at 865.5 FTE.

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 pm

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 14, 2010, 1:00 – 2:30 pm (President's Conference Room)**