**Deans Council**

**Agenda: Wednesday, March 18, 2015**

**1:00 – 3:00 pm Plant Bioscience 108**

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| Voting Members |
| x | Martha A. Potvin  |  | Charles Boyer – COA  | x | Helen Melland – CON  |
| x | Kenning Arlitsch – Library  | x | Brett Gunnink – COE  |  | Michael Reidy – Faculty Senate  |
| x | Kregg Aytes – JJCBE  | x | Robert Hietala – GC | x | Nicol Rae- CLS |
|  | Matthew Caires – VPSS Designee  |  | Lynda Ransdell – EHHD | x | Nancy Cornwell – COAA |
| x | Renee Reijo Pera – VPR |  | Karlene Hoo – Graduate School | x | Ilse-Mari Lee – Honors College |
|  | Other Members |
| x | Ronald Larsen – Associate Provost | x | Martin Teintze – WWAMI | x | Shelly McKamey - MOR |
| x | David Di Maria – Associate Provost | x | David Singel – Associate Provost |  | Kim Obbink – Extended University |
|  | Other Participants in Attendance |
| x | Chris Fastnow | x |  Bob Mokwa | x |  Megan Bergstedt |
| x | Keith Hutchinson | x |  Aaron Grusonik(for Matt Caires) | x | Terry Leist |
| x | Deb Haynes (for Lynda Ransdell) |  |  |  |  |

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1. **Call to order:**  1:06 p.m.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Kregg Aytes moved to approve, Ilse-Mari Lee seconded. Approved.
3. **Topics for Discussion:**
	1. Building Energy Systems Minor: After no further discussion, Nancy Cornwell moved to approve, Brett Gunnink seconded. Approved.
	2. Business Certificate: This certificate will be different than that offered by Gallatin College and is intended for degree seeking students in other disciplines. Brett Gunnink moved to approve, Nic Rae seconded. Approved.
	3. PhD in Psychology: The Psychology department is thriving and is an ever growing major. The skeleton for the program is in place with the Master’s Program with the intent to grow students into a PhD program. Of Carnegie Institutes 105 of 108 have PhD in Psychology programs and the degree meets several strategic goals. There is no duplication with U of M. The program can be launched with the existing faculty and GTA support. A request was made to provide data regarding students who complete the Master’s degree program and then move to another institute to complete a PhD program. Nancy Cornwell moved to approve, Kregg Aytes seconded. Approved.
	4. Faculty Handbook Grievance Policy: The policy was reviewed and it was asked that it be returned to the JAGS working group for clarification of Section 301. It was suggested to remove standards and criteria and add “That had a resulted in a negative retention, tenure or promotion review.”
4. **Information/Announcements**
	1. Summer Session Update: The funding model is being changed to encourage increased operations at the university through the Departments/Colleges. The model is a two year model that will be revisited to include a review of internships/credits.
	2. Deans’ Retreat Dates and Venues: The dates have been set as August 12-13, 2015. Several venue options were presented for consideration.
	3. GTA Tuition Waivers: Graduate assignments were negotiated for a maximum number of hours to be 19 and a minimum stipend of $600/month for 19 hours per week. There is an additional payment of $120 which is not prorated for less hours. Tuition waivers will also be granted based on number of credits.
5. **Additional Topics**
	1. Reminder to submit requests for tenure track position recruitment by April 10th.
	2. Fund balances per college/department will be sent to each dean.
	3. Research initiative discussed.

Meeting adjourned at: 3:05 p.m.

**Please Note: Next Meeting April 14, 2015 President’s Conference Room**