

**Planning Council Minutes
Tuesday, June 14, 2011
11:00 – 12:00
Reid 415**

Rimpau, Jim	Leist, Terry	Raymond, Bruce	Singel, David
Edelman, Adam	Maher, Rob	Sanderson, Michael	Watts, Myles
Everts, Michael	Myers, Carrie	Sieloff, Christina	
Fastnow, Chris	Neumeier, John		

Guest: Joe Fedock

- I. Call to Order and Introductions.
- II. Approval of May 10, 2011 minutes.
 - ✓ Approved
- III. Discussion Items:
 - A. Mission Statement (MS) update:

Report on comments received in meetings.

Jim presented the MS to both the President’s Executive Committee and an academic retreat attended by the President, Provost and Deans. In each of those meetings it was suggested that the words “and art” could be deleted from the MS.

Discussion about the removal of ‘and art’ from the MS.

The Planning Council (PCouncil) was divided on whether the term ”art” should still be a part of the statement. An informal vote was taken and about half of the council members thought ”art” should stay and a few members were indifferent. A suggestion was posed regarding ”art” and ‘creativity’ being addressed in the next level, in Core Themes or objectives.

The working group will continue the discussion at their next meeting. Jim said he would have another conversation with President Cruzado and report back to the council.
 - B. Core Themes (CT) update:

Report on working session’s progress on the first Core Theme.

Examples of MSU Billings and MSU GF’s format were handed out. Other universities have much more specific, and less comprehensive, objectives than our working draft. The group determined the objectives needed to be more specific with a few indicators for each, but some of the content can rightfully reappear in the strategic plan. The indicators could overlap and be used across the objectives. The working group will continue the discussion at their next meeting.
 - C. Peer Institutions discussion:

There is no mandated set of peers for Higher Education institutions in Montana. The PCouncil is likely to need a set of peer institutions to do benchmarking against. The Council will compile a list of peer institutions that could be used for benchmarks by the other Councils and groups on campus. The Council was concerned that potential uses of the peer list should drive development of the list. Jim Rimpau and Chris Fastnow will provide the group with a number of potential uses (i.e. research expenditures, salary, faculty productivity, etc) for the Peer Institution list. We will have a meeting for those Council members who are interested in discussing potential peers and try to have a recommendation ready by the July Council meeting.

D. New Meeting Time

The group will be looking at the 3rd Tuesday between 1-3pm and will finalize via email.

IV. Other Business

No other business was discussed.

Next Working Sessions: June 15 , 11:00-1:00 (Reid 415)

June 29, 11:00-1:00 (Reid 415)

July 13, 11:00 – 1:00 (Reid 415)

Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, July 12, 11:00-12:00, (SUB 233)