

**PROFESSIONAL COUNCIL MEETING  
MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY  
WEDNESDAY January 14, 2009  
REID HALL ROOM 415  
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM**

**Members Present:** Nancy Blake, Sheryl Dettmann, Patty Inskeep, Nancy Filbin, Betsey Pitts, Carolyn Plumb, Matt Rognlie, Stacey Scott, Julie Tatarka, John Ford for Jeff Butler

**Other Present:** Jim Rimpau,

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 PM by Chair Sheryl Dettmann. A quorum was present. The minutes from December 10, 2008 were unanimously approved.

***Jim Rimpau, Vice President of Planning***

- Role as Vice President of Planning: Strategic Planning & works with UPBAC
- Generally looking 5 years out for University
- Planning & Analysis office is a resource for PC – surveys & analysis of MSU data
- He sees PC as very involved in strategic planning. One example was PC's lead in pushing campus sustainability
- He also sees us having a strong voice on UPBAC
- PC could help him by communicating strategic plan to our constituents
- Big strategic issues coming up are economic: where will our enrollment be? Particularly with out-of-state students who pay twice as much to attend MSU. We do have a record # of undergrad applications but we don't know who will actually come. He believes the Obama administration will result in increased research \$\$ for MSU. Next year will likely be the toughest financially for MSU.

***Jim Rimpau, Role as Chief Information Officer***

- ITC reports to him
- Took on this role 2 yrs ago due to the recommendation of a number of consultants to the university. They saw a need for a more neutral & independent lead for ITC rather than VP Admin & Finance – perception was that ITC was focused on the needs of admin & finance rather than academics
- Moving to Google for student email by spring break – it is free to MSU! Students will still have MSU email addresses but will go to a Google page. Can't do this for faculty & staff because of student information security reasons
- Desire 2 Learn is up and will completely replace WebCT this summer
- The MSU portal will become the front end of Banner with the upgrade to Banner 8 in approximately Oct '09
- We discussed PC's struggle with accurate emails from Banner. He suggested trying a Portal group.

***Benefits Decentralization***

- Admin & Finance is decentralizing benefits & termination pool for academic departments. Jeff Butler will ask for more information on the details of it.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM, as there was no other business.

*Signature*

Sheryl Dettmann  
Chair, Professional Council

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Stacey Scott  
Professional Council Member