

**PROFESSIONAL COUNCIL MEETING
MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY
WEDNESDAY June 17, 2009
Procrastinator Theatre Loft
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM**

Members Present: Julie Tatarka, Sheryl Dettmann, Erika Swanson, Matt Rognlie, Betsey Pitts, Jeff Butler, Stacey Scott, Carolyn Plumb, Adam Edelman, Nancy Filbin

UPBAC – Jeff Butler

- The \$900,000 will be divided amongst executives for this year. A subcommittee has been formed to examine ways to save money at MSU for next year. Committee members are made up of faculty, staff, ASMSU, admin and deans.
- In the following years, PC has voiced concern about employees losing jobs and how to better communicate with their constituents on campus to be pro-active. It was discussed that each rep on PC might want to just communicate with their specific constituents.
- We are up 270 students; 117 are out-of-state.
- Academic models will be examined for ways to enact budget cuts, and PC members want to know how to prepare for it.
 - PC is concerned that communication is not consistent between admin and what really transpires.
 - PC suggested that memos going to deans and department heads also be shared with constituent representative councils/senates.
 - PC should think through organizing efforts to communicate effectively with constituents through whatever means available.

How Professional Council Should Communicate

- Communicate with constituents could improve with an opt-in email list.
- The PC web site needs to be updated.
- Email from Gale is meaningless to professionals receiving it, and it is often deleted. A dedicated “Professional Council” email format sent by either the chair or chair-elect of PC was requested by those attending the outreach discussions earlier this year. Additionally, each constituency should have their own list serves.
- Meet with the President about improved communications.
 - Form a subcommittee to accomplish?
- Departmental Outreach – PC members discussed the continuation of outreach by including larger groups convening in the SUB and/or including a professional development portion. Outreach is a process that operates in perpetuity.
- BoR visit in November – Stacey and Betsey will meet to decide what the meeting will focus on, and form a subcommittee to expedite,

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

Signature

Sheryl Dettmann, Chair

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Gale Gough, Secretary