Members Present: Jeff Butler, Patty Inskeep, Jim Mitchell, Kim Rehm, Doralyn Rossmann, Rita Rozier

Members Absent: Sandy Rahn-Gibson, Stacey Scott, Diane Allen,

Others Present: Leslie Schmidt

The meeting was called to order at 1:15 PM by Chair, Doralyn Rossmann. A quorum was present. The minutes of April 12, 2006 were approved.

Research Professional Classification – Leslie Schmidt

- Many professionals are not represented by a governance group, and PC would like to define who those employees are. (With respect to Faculty Council and their inquiry about research faculty representation, Tom McCoy is not adverse to having research/post doc faculty identified so they, also, may be represented.) Leslie Schmidt, who began working with PC in the fall 2005, asked personnel to compile a list of professionals (research professionals, specifically), and they were unable to comply.
- Stacey Scott spoke with Corky Bush who suggested that searching the database with the word “research” in an employee’s title may help. Jim Mitchell suggested that the database may be compiled by working backwards that is, the research group may be paid with a different account code.
- The Professional Council constitution would need to be changed by removing the wording “non-research”. A pro and con argument will be presented to all professionals, who then vote.
- How professional research employees are represented in PC is a bylaw issue. Reallocate the council group and add a research member(s)?
- Chair Rossmann will ask Stacey Scott if she is interested in helping to orchestrate this endeavor.

BOR Issues – Chair Rossmann

- COHE will be signing off on professional contracts. Exceptions will be coaches, who are hired under multi-year contracts. There are also signing bonuses.
- Chair Rossmann and Vice Chair Rehm met with President Gamble last week. Lynn Hamilton will be the new chair of the BOR, taking Regent Barrett’s place who has stepped down due to health reasons.

Parking – Paul Burns

- All parking stickers will increase due to the increase in oil-based products used to pave and mark the parking lots.
  - S&B $141, $8 increase
  - F $69
  - D $84
• Currently, there are 10 payroll deductions; next year there will be 8 and fees deducted will be increased from $3.50 per month, to $17.60.
• Paul will email Doralyn, who will distribute the new fees, etc. to the professional listserv.
• There is a discount for motorcycle stickers if you also have an S&B car sticker. Motorcycle stickers will not increase next year.
• Last year’s Career Fair and if the request is made again, parking will accommodate. BOR parking spaces will continue to be reserved, as with alumni visiting during Homecoming.
• The parking garage did not come to fruition because it was a “top/down” issue with no ground swell of emotion from the “bottom/up”. Parking on the north side of campus will continue to get worse with the new animal science building going in. A common suggestion is to pave the rest of the field house lot, in increments, but the parking price will increase.
• MSU may get covered bicycle lockers. The location(s) have not yet been determined.
• When the SUB project begins, parking spaces will be moved, pushing R5 slots around the corner to the south side of the K lot.

**UPBAC – Jim Mitchell**

• UPBAC member, Jim Mitchell will be ending his term June. The meetings are public, and could occur every Tuesday 1:30-3:30 PM with copious emails and materials to read in preparation for meetings. The UPBAC process includes strategic planning, budgeting and making annual recommendations to the president.

• PC members interested in being a member of UPBAC will email Gale with a statement of qualifications. Current voting PC members will vote for the candidate of their choice. All votes will be confidential. The winning nominee will be sent to President Gamble for appointment. Information about UPBAC may be found at this web site:

**UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

• Gale will email the professional list serv for a call for volunteers for vacancies on three university committees at the end of June.

• There is an opening on the University Governance Council Steering Committee. It meets every Thursday morning.

**OTHER BUSINESS- Chair Rossmann**

• There will be another meeting in June, after the May 31, June 1-2 BOR meeting. Chair Rossmann will email the council dates for PC members to choose from.

• Chair Rossmann and Chair Elect Rehm met with President Gamble and discussed the CD being made by Media and Theatre Arts entitled, ‘Why it is expensive to live in Bozeman?’ to present to the BOR. He also asked for input regarding Corky Bush’s position, Director of Affirmative Action, as she is leaving MSU. President Gamble also encouraged PC to examine a different way to conduct the Employee Recognition Program.

• Member Butler has been asked to participate on a panel to review and evaluate the Personnel and Payroll evaluation process.

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 PM, as there was no other business.

Signature

Doralyn Rossmann
Chair, Professional Council

Gale R. Gough
Secretary