PROFESSIONAL COUNCIL MEETING  
MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY  
WEDNESDAY September 13, 2006  
STRAND UNION 271  
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

**Members Present:** Diane Allen, Kim Rehm, Doralyn Rossmann, Rita Rozier, Stacey Scott, Matt Rognlie, Patty Inskeep

**Members Absent:** Jeff Butler

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM by Chair Kim Rehm. A quorum was present. The minutes of June 21, 2006 were approved.

**Announcements – Chair Rehm**
- Julie Kipfer, Chair of the Marketing Advisory Council (MAC), emailed a request to Chair Rehm for a PC member to be on the committee. She would like an answer by September 14, 2006. It would be a two-year commitment. The MAC reviews and provides advice for marketing initiatives, provides feedback and reviews progress of the integrated marketing plan, serves as champions of the MSU brand and communicates marketing issues and initiatives to peers and colleagues, provides advice and support for marketing issues to the president and senior leadership. Matt Rognlie expressed an interest in being on the committee.
- Midnite Mania – An email was sent to all professional regarding this event taking place on October 6, 2006.

**University Governance Council Meetings**
- Chair Rehm encouraged PC members to attend UGC meetings, usually held on the second Wednesday of every month. Representation from ASMSU, CEPAC, Faculty Council and Professional Council are in attendance, and it is a forum that communicates to all constituents important issues on campus.

**BOR Meeting in Butte, 9/27, 28, 29**
- Matt Rognlie will be attending the BOR meeting. Doralyn Rossmann may be able to attend on September 27.

**Committee Selections**
- Now that President Gamble has hired new legal counsel, Chair Rehm would like to begin working on a Professional Handbook. PC members who volunteered to work on this project either consistently or on a rotating basis (some PC members said they would like to give input as the project progresses for certain sections of the handbook.) were Stacey Scott, Rita Rozier, Kim Rehm, Doralyn Rossmann, Matt Rognlie, Diane Allen, Patty Inskeep. Initially, a meeting will be set up with Susan Alt, Marj Brown and Pam Merrell and/or Leslie Taylor.
- Environmental Leadership: PC volunteers were Rita Rozier, Kim Rehm, Patty Inskeep. Rita Rozier stated that she had a conversation with President Gamble about environmental leadership but not in relationship to Professional Council. At that time, he mentioned that he is chair elect of the Commission on Human Resources and Social Change, a subcommittee of the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges.
As a starting point, the Committee would begin discourse with CEPAC, ASMSU, and Faculty Council to encourage MSU to found a think tank; to communicate with and become part of network of land grant universities; to be receptive and/or promote education and discourse in the MSU community on sustainable living and to seek solutions on sustainability within their own departments.

- The students and the Leadership Institute will give a presentation on October 3 at noon in the Northwest Lounge on global warming.
- Tony Little Owl would like to work with PC and help coordinate showing An Inconvenient Truth on campus. This film could be shown as an ethics requirement in the Procrastinator Theatre. PC members would like to ask Al Gore to attend, however, it may be perceived as a political move. Carmen McSpadden, who works at the Leadership Institute and teaches as an adjunct in the College of Business, has researched into getting him on campus to speak on global warming, but he may not be available. She believes he would be available to speak on other topics he is passionate about, and may segway the global warming issue into the presentation.
- President Gamble suggested contacting the Big Sky Institute.
- Kim and Rita plan to attend a climate change seminar in Helena, September 22-24.

Without forming a formal committee, PC would like to suggest potential modifications to Personnel and Payroll about the Employee Recognition process. President Gamble concurred with their findings when he met with PC members last year and shared his experiences with employee recognition as an employee at the University of Vermont. It was noted that Facilities Services recognize their employees, independent of the Employee Recognition process. PC members who would like to participate are Diane Allen, Kim Rehm, Patty Inskeep.

**Professional Council Elections**
- Stacey Scott and Matt Rognlie are interested in the position of Vice Chair. Ballots were distributed. Gale will tally and report to PC members via email.
- PC needs to elect a rep for the University Shared Governance Council Steering Committee to represent Professional Council. Diane Allen will continue on this committee until a new Chair elect is in place.

**Next Professional Council Meeting**
- The next Professional Council meeting will take place on October 11, 2006.

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 PM, as there was no other business.

Signature

Kim Rehm
Chair, Professional Council

Signature

Gale R. Gough
Secretary