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

Others Present: President Gamble

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM by Chair Kim Rehm. A quorum was present.

Campus Construction – President Gamble

▪ Food Service facilities should be completed before students return in September; the southern part of the SUB will be a longer remodeling process and hopefully done before onset of winter; the Theatre will be done after that; the chemistry building is scheduled for completion in late July and move in date will be in August/early September; Black Box theatre is on schedule; HPE is not on schedule; graduation will be held in Shroyer north and south with signage directing attendees.

▪ Extended University is financing a renovation of the atrium which will now have multi-media and interactive displays.

▪ The fate of Story Mansion is not yet known. The building costs $1.2M and O&M would be $1.5M.

Debriefing on Salary Issues – President Gamble

▪ By mutual agreement between administration and Professional Council, 3.0% of the raise will be distributed by supervisors for merit, .6% of 1% will be held back by administration for compression, inversion, inequity issues.

▪ Questions about salary raises should be sent to Jim Rimpau.

▪ There will be on-campus supervisor training using pooled resources at the MSU-Bozeman campus. One area has already committed 11 employees for training

▪ President Gamble will look into where the professional salaries are posted, as they are public information.

Legislative Session- President Gamble

▪ It is unlikely the legislature will finish their session by Friday, April 27. Outstanding tax cut issues seem to be stalling them. The governor has veto power, and if the legislators do not come to an agreement and run over the session, they will not be compensated.

▪ The salary package has been approved.

▪ Presently, the renovation of Gaines is still on the legislators “to do” list.

Directions of the Campus – President Gamble

▪ It was suggested that the finished architectural drawings of the sub be placed back up on the Strand Union walls.

▪ PC asked if distance learning is still in the future for the university, since it will continue to grow. President Gamble stated that the growth probably will not go past 13,000 students to maintain a 17 to one student to teacher ratio. How many will be resident students on campus; how many distance learning students? The fastest growing segment of those who want secondary education are students who already have a career and families, and their goal is to receive “chunks” of knowledge. Distance learning would be appealing, in this instance. Regular students (18 to 24 year olds) need educational maturation as well as social maturation. That only happens when they experience campus life by going to classes and interacting with other students.

▪ Movement to the west of campus is already happening. By the end of 2008, 19th Avenue will be 5 lanes of high-speed traffic, and MSU needs to think about how to get back and forth from that area.

▪ Housing near the Mitchell Development, across from the Gallatin Valley Mall, will add more traffic to Bozeman, and MSU will probably need some kind of transit system to shuttle people back and forth to campus.

Mandeville Creek – President Gamble
Mandeville Creek is a spring fed creek south of campus that travels in back of the art building. Some graduate students are working to restore it and will write papers about water composition, sedimentation. Once it is restored, it will be used for research. Future plans include keeping it clean and natural and hopefully, it will support a healthy fish population.

**Recruitment and Retention of Students – President Gamble**

- There is a serious drop off of high school graduates in Montana and as a result, MSU is recruiting students from a smaller base and competing for those same students with other universities. Therefore, MSU needs to recruit in markets we will be successful in and more importantly, retain those students we already have.
- For each student that leaves, MSU loses $4,000 per year. Some departments do not know why their “A” students leave.
- Students coming to universities are much different than they were 10 years ago.
  - They are taking fewer credits;
  - They are taking longer to get through college;
  - Some are more attentive to different learning styles such as podcasts.
  - Students are communicating in ways that may not be full understood through new technology.
  - Students would like more advising centers and spontaneous gathering areas on campus.
  - MSU should have alternatives to students who cannot get into departmental “gate” classes but are excellent students.

**Campus Preparedness – President Gamble**

- The MSU Emergency Response Committee will meet with anyone who requests an audience.
- MSU has a policy on intruder shooting and will make that readily available.
- Most universities do not have an effective communication plan.
- Many vendors have security technology that is available.
- MSU has a siren from the 1950’s that could alert the campus; MSU also has a steam whistle that may be used.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM, as there was no other business.

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Kim Rehm  
Chair, Professional Council

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Gale R. Gough  
Secretary