Members Present: Nancy Blake, Sheryl Dettmann, Julie Tatarka, Betsey Pitts, Carolyn Plumb, Matt Rognlie, Stacey Scott

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Chair Rognlie
- PC members introduced themselves to new member, Carolyn Plumb.
- Professional Handbook completion – Leslie Taylor targeted fall 2008; if it is not completed then, sections will be available for PC members to review.
- A Petition for Unit Determination and Election was filed by MEA-MFT; AFT; NEA; AFL-CIO seeking to establish a collective bargaining unit for MSU faculty in MSU TODAY. MSU is required to post the Notice of Unit Determination Proceedings at all applicable work locations where notices are normally posted for the benefit of employees in the proposed unit.
- A new Chair-elect is needed for next year.
- Renewal of the 6 mill levy will be on this November’s ballot. Should it pass, it will be in place for the next ten years. Shane Colvin, ASMSU President, has more information about this initiative. Email him at: asmsupres@montana.edu

BOR – Chair Rognlie
- If the state budget allows, campus initiatives will go forward. Still a priority is the 2% additional raise for critical salary issues. The budget still includes a 4% salary increase for faculty; it would not include raises for promotion and tenure. Percentage increases for benefits, IT staff, etc. were also listed.
- President Gamble/Provost Dooley gave an informational presentation about two (2), two-year programs at MSU; Abu-Dhabi program and MSU/Great Falls.

PROFESSIONAL RETREAT
- PC will hold a retreat for a day in the Bozeman Public Library conference room. Discussion topics would include:
  - Team building;
  - Leadership and communication as presented by Jennifer Combs;
    - It was suggested that a subcommittee of PC be formed whose participants would receive development (leadership and communication) training and conduct seminars for supervisors on campus. It was also noted that through MSU’s new two-year program, a leadership training class might be offered.
  - How to communicate better with professionals via technology and data (Jim Rimpau);
  - Presentation from human resources.
- Chair Rognlie will coordinate a date for the retreat based on input from PC members’ and Jennifer Combs’ availability.

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

Signature

Matt Rognlie
Chair, Professional Council

Signature

Gale Gough
Secretary, Professional Council