Members Present: Carolyn Plumb, Jeanne Wilkinson, Nancy Filbin, Julie Tatarka, Erika Swanson, Jeff Littlefield, Pat Lane, Anne Milkovich for Edelman

Others Present: Cheryl Johnson, Adam Sabalowsky, Susan Bilo, Chancey Ringer, Donna Negaard

Council Updates

- Research Council – Cheryl Johnson – Foreign students with either a GTA or GRA will be eligible for in-state tuition. The council composition is not yet definitive and discussions about the number of members and length of terms (staggered 2 or 3 years) continue. With regard to federal initiatives, President Cruzado would like MSU and U of M to collaborate on the projects that are sent forward. Jeanne Wilkinson suggested that Johnson inform the council of the recent professional employee survey where research professionals commented on their interactions with students.

- Sustainability Advisor Council – Andy Sabalowsky – A task force, formed by President Cruzado, was formed to examine whether MSU should retain the services of the engineering firm, McKinstry, who was hired in 2008 to examine how energy savings might be economically implemented on campus. The task force recommended retaining McKinstry. There are, however, more steps to be taken before the decision is final. Chair Filbin informed PC that MSU has decided to continue with the ACUPCC (American College and University Presidents’ Climate Commitment) that President Gamble originally signed on to in 2008.

Old Business – Project Status – Chair Filbin

- Following the meetings with Stearns and Buchanan where student mentoring was discussed and how professionals might assist, Pitts proposed that another video be made showcasing the employees who responded to the recent PC survey and how they interact with students. Audience and video content were discussed, as well as who might assist with the actual production. A PC subcommittee to examine the feasibility of the project was formed and members include Pitts, Lane and Swanson.

- Mentoring Proposal – Student advising is scattered across campus in different venues. The Athletics Department has an excellent student mentoring blueprint that professionals might be able to emulate. Lane suggested PC contact Emily Edwards, coordinator, freshman seminar to see if they need assistance with a new program for entering freshmen called “Conversations with Professors” which will be happening on August 28th. Milkovich suggested that student advising might morph into a coaching role where volunteers would help students navigate through day-to-day, as well as, academic issues. Milkovich stated that Career Services might purchase some kind of student retention management software (customer relationship management for students in higher education) which has communications’, advising, and tutoring components. The initiative will require people who are actually working with the students and PC might want to engage. Another idea included matching students with other students. Chair Filbin asked that a subcommittee be formed to investigate whether we should join a program already in existence or form a separate entity. Volunteers include Filbin, Ringer, Swanson, and Lane.

- Professional Development Seminar (PDS) – Chair Filbin – Chair Filbin suggested conducting another PDS before the end of summer, specifically, MSU 20/30. PC agreed, stating that such information is valuable.

New Business

- Wilkinson would like to meet for two hours during the summer to plan for AY 2011-2012. Chair Filbin will send out an email to secure a date and time.

- Summer meeting dates are June 1 and 15; July 13; August 17.

- Chancey Ringer and Pat Lane have been elected to PC. Elections for the Chair-elect will take place in June.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 am, as there was no other business.

Signature
Nancy Filbin, Chair

Signature
Gale Gough, Secretary