PROFESSIONAL COUNCIL MINUTES
Wednesday, October 26th, 2016 @ 3pm, SUB 234

- **Special Guests:** Samantha Beebout, MSUAF and Dr. Eric Lopez, Office of the President
- **Summary:**
  - Samantha Beebout, MSUAF, and Marty Hamilton, retired MSU faculty Prof Emeritus, presented an overview of the newly revamped mission and organization of the MSU Retiree Association, housed within the MSUAF Alumni Foundation. The Associated is an official group on behalf of fellow MSU retirees for programs, engagement, policy and program communication, and continued support for MSU retirees (ex. spousal support, health benefits and federal and state insurance regulation changes). The organization is entirely volunteer-based, without member dues. The organization is requesting both a PC liaison and a deeper connection with the PC, via an ex-officio sitting retired PC member. The ultimate goal is to keep MSU retirees informed of issues presented to PC that may affect the MSU retired community.
  
  - Dr. Eric Lopez, American Council of Education Fellow from Texas A&M, shared with the PC council MSU’s year-long goals for Diversity Engagement, campus wide. PC members were encouraged to attend the first MSU Diversity Summit (one of two summit for the year) next week, which will ask the help of students, staff and faculty to offer their own perspective of diversity as guidelines for a larger institutional-wide model for diversity adaptation. Dr. Lopez shared a short activity regarding members’ ideas of diversity and inclusion and how MSU might operationalize this commitment to diversity and inclusion.

- **PC Position Reports:** None
- **PC Committee Representatives Update:**
  - Research Council: Sally O’Neill has expressed confirmed interest in serving as a PC meeting on the MSU Research Council.
  - Hoseaux Fitness Center Advisory Committee: Brian O’Connor offered a host of MSU Fitness updates in space, equipment and recreational opportunity.
  - President’s Commission on the Status of University Women: Brad Eik offered updates from MSU Billings and Havre in regard to on-site childcare closures.
  - Appointment of a professional employee to sit on the Parking, Transportation and Advisory Committee (PTAC) is requested (council members were reminded to send Amy their top-three candidates).

- **Old Business:**
  - A new microphone (purchased for remote calls with full PC approval on 9/14).needs to be purchased (see: Sept. 28 minutes).

- **New Business:**
  - Two sets of council meeting minutes were approved; 9/28 and 10/12.
  - The Firefly Award deadline is Oct. 31st. Amy will communicate award submissions for the award review committee (Brian O’Conner, Brad Eik and Julie Clay) for consideration.
  - The MUS Board of Regents hosts a regular meeting in Missoula Nov. 17-19. A professional council representative is welcome to attend, on behalf of the MSU PC. Interested members should let Amy know by Friday, 10/28 if they would like to attend.
A joint lunch between President Cruzado, MSU Professional Council and MSU Staff-Senate has been confirmed for Friday, Dec. 9th from 12-1, in SUB 233.

The committee is scheduled to host a professional development opportunity in the spring. Members are encouraged to think of potential ideas.

Julie Clay encouraged council members to complete their Project Management Professional (PMP) certificate and trainings with the Project Management Institute.

Amy updated members on the Staff Senate staff-scholarship initiatives

- **Announcements:**
  - Upcoming Presenters:
    - November 9 – Betsy Asserson, MSU Space. Mgt. Committee
    - November 30 – Tracy Ellig, MSU Communications
    - December 14 – Betsy Webb, HR