Special Guest:

Janelle Rasmussen: MSU Outreach and Engagement Council  
Janelle was invited by Sally O’Neill as the liaison to the MSU Outreach and Engagement Council. Janelle gave an overview of MSU’s Outreach and Engagement Council one-time funding $3,000-$5,000 seed grants, used to increase engagement between MSU staff and faculty, students and MSU’s surrounding communities. The grants are announced each fall and spring semester, with a forthcoming spring 2017 grant announcement. The committee was recently given another year of funding from the President’s Office and encourages the Professional Council to share news with campus employees regarding the grants.

PC Position Reports:

Amy Stix provided a summary from University Council: the council’s last meeting centered on the renovation of Romney Hall given the current legislative funding climate and $23 million in proposed cuts. A new procurement policy was passed that will provide more training and oversight in regard to MSU vendor contracts.

James Tobin provided an update on the Alumni Foundation and their plans for a dedicated employee giving program. MSUAF met with HR regarding employee options for opting-out of MSUAF’s employee information database. Challenges exist in the way MSUAF collates and collects data; the process of garnering MSU employee data for the giving program might be challenging, but there options being explored.

Jenny Lavey gave an update on PTAC and Facilities via David Kack; David will be attending PC later in January as a guest speaker on MSU growth and infrastructure.

New Business:

Amy asked the council to commit to a Spring Social date for the council’s annual spring social. She will email suggested dates. March 23rd in the Leigh Lounge in the afternoon is tentatively suggested.

The council discussed briefly some ideas to offer a professional development training to campus. Ideas will be discussed via email. Suggestions were made to dovetail with MSU’s Diversity focus this year; perhaps the ACIREMA training from International Programs would be a good fit. James suggested the council reach to the VOICE center, the Diversity Office and the Office of Institutional Equity for suggested ideas.

11/30 and 12/14 meeting minutes were approved.

Brian O’Connor offered to author the PC January newsletter. Jenny Lavey will author the February newsletter.

Old Business

- None

Announcements

- Upcoming Presenters: TBA
- Dec. 14: Betsy Webb, MSU HR
- Jan. 11: Council
- Jan. 25: David Kack (PTAC, Facilities Planning)
- Feb. 8: Yvonne Rudman (Status of Univ. Women)
- Feb. 22: Walt Banzsiger (Planning Council)
- March 8: Matt Caries (Dean of Students)
- March 22: