PROFESSIONAL COUNCIL MINUTES

Wednesday, January 25, 2017

Attendance: Amy Stix, James Tobin, Brad Eik (absent), Jenny Lavey, Gini Mohr, Sally O’Neill, Pol Llovet Brian O’Connor, Brain Rossmann (absent) Guest: David Kack

- **Special Guest:** David Kack, Director of the Small Urban and Rural Livability Center with the Western Transportation Center within the College of Engineering. David also represents MSU on the University Facilities Building and Planning (UFPUB) and Parking Transportation and Advisory Committees (PTAC) and was a founding contributor of the Streamline bus service and local van pools. David gave an overview of growth challenges at MSU in regard to parking and transportation, coupled with a long-term budget projection of an increase in parking permits to meet long-term maintenance of increased parking demand and support services. MSU is currently working with the City of Bozeman on a Transportation Master Plan that will provide clarity on transportation challenges and opportunities, in addition to transportation mediums the university and the city may be able to dually support. David mentioned alternative options for transportation for Gallatin County’s largest employers, MSU and Bozeman Health, are currently being explored (van pools, ride shares, etc.). There is increasing demand on brick and mortar parking spaces to meet MSU’s increasing enrollment, the though more sustainable and fiscally responsible options, according to David, is a gradual (yet challenging and slow) cultural shift in rural transportation modality. David (and additional MSU committees) advocate additional resources and attention on alternative modes of transportation, like increased bus routes and service, ride-shares, and share-a-car. Additional options include more focus on non-motorized travel such as bike paths and protected bike lanes. Transportation and parking is and will continue to be a central challenge of MSU as the university grapples with increased enrollment. David encouraged the PC to keep engaged in these conversations in coming years.

- **PC Position Reports:**
  - Sally O’Neill, (Administration PC Representative), International Programs, announced she is retiring from MSU, effective the end of January. Sally expressed regret for her sudden departure though she encouraged the PC to keep advocating for a formally designated Ombudsman for current and future MSU employees. Sally mentioned her colleague in International Programs, Yvonne Rudman, has expressed interest in taking her PC seat.

- **New Business:**
  - Amy outlined options for the PC to replace Sally and offered to contact Yvonne as a potential replacement. The council was agreeable. Yvonne would also need to replace Sally as the Professional employee seat on the MSU Research Council. Amy said she would follow-up with members via email.
  - The Staff Senate scholarship program is up and running and requests a PC member to sit on the committee.
  - Brian O’Connor will author the January newsletter.
  - Jenny Lavey will author the February newsletter.
  - Julie Clay with author the May newsletter.

- **Old Business**
  - The PC is hosting the spring social Thursday, March 23 from 4-6. More details to come.

- **Announcements**
  - Upcoming Presenters:
    - Feb. 8: Yvonne Rudman (Status of Univ. Women)
    - Feb. 22: Walt Banzsiger (Planning Council)
    - March 8: Matt Caries (Dean of Students)
- March 22: TBA
- April 12: TBA
- April 26: Chris Fastnow