Research Council Minutes  
Thursday, October 14, 2010  
2:00 - 3:00 pm  
Bradley Conference Room  
Wilson Hall

McCoy, Tom  X  Johnson, Cheryl  X  Shaw, Joe  X  
Black, Laura  X  Kuntz, Sandy  X  Whitlock, Cathy  X  
Cloninger, Mary  out  Gee, Regina  X  
Douglas, Trevor  X  Jutila, Mark  X  Fedock, Joseph  out  
Erickson, Joanne  X  Marley, Robert  out  Yarnell, Allen  X  
Hays, Rick  call-in  Pascual, David  X  Fox, Carl  X

VISITORS:  Amy Lansindorf, ASMSU Exponent  
Autumn LeBoef, ASMSU Exponent

I.  **Call to Order**  
Meeting was called to order by Dr. McCoy at 2:00 p.m.

II.  **Introduction of the members**  
All members present introduced themselves with their names, department and their status as a RC member (ie, position, representative body).

III.  **Comments from President Cruzado**  
   i)  Presented background on the development and process for establishing the five (5) Councils (University, Budget, Deans, Planning, and Research)  
   ii)  Presented Research Council charge:  
        1. Determine how to select representatives for the RC, length of service, ie, RC By-Laws;  
        2. Provide guidance on how to launch and implement Moving Mountains and Minds;  
        3. Provide feedback to President on endeavors that will be able to break down artificial divisions between departments/colleges;  
        4. Provide guidance to President and Provost on strengthening graduate programs.

IV.  **Connections with Other Councils by President Cruzado:**  
   i)  All Council agendas and minutes will be public;  
   ii)  All Research Council recommendations will be presented to University Council for approval;  
   iii)  Synergies will exist between Deans Council and Research Council  
   iv)  Research Council members hold membership on other Councils

V.  **Discussion of Selection of Members in Future Years**  
   o  McCoy – Be prepared to present recommendations on this issue at November or December meeting, with considerations for sliding memberships, individuals passionate about research, etc.
VI. Discussion of Areas of Responsibility
   o McCoy:
     ▪ All RC members, regardless of “representative position” on the Council (ie, faculty, department head, dean, etc.), are on RC to represent MSU. All individual, departmental, centers, programs, etc. issues/agendas need to be set aside.
     ▪ Research Council areas of responsibilities - handout

VII. Initial Topics for Discussion – priority order changed at meeting:

d) Funding of Core Facilities
   o McCoy: main issue to discuss at next meeting
     ▪ How to fund and keep operational (support for technical staff, maintenance)
     ▪ Definition: A physical space housing instrumentation/equipment that is broadly used by campus/external users. Clarification: Any facility/laboratory located on any of MSU’s four campuses is accessible by and provides services to all campus employees, public groups and private groups at a set fee.
     ▪ VPR research has list of known Core Facilities on their website – will post link on RC webpage.

d) Enhancing Interdisciplinary Research (IDR)
   o McCoy: develop creative ideas to enhance IDR activity at MSU; consider impediments and ways to incentivize faculty
     ▪ Funding agencies trend is to fund larger awards for IDR programs
     ▪ Cathy Whitlock to present information at next meeting on Institute of Environment (how to build it, what it is doing, etc.)
     ▪ Current MSU IDR successful examples: Center for Biofilm Engineering, Spectrum Lab, Center for Bioinspired Nanomaterials, Thermal Biology Institute

iv) Enhancing Graduate Education
   o McCoy: given time, this item will be discussed at November meeting

VIII. Additional topics for RC to discuss:
   o Carl Fox: How does research factor into performance based budgeting?
   o David Pascual: How to revitalize TechPark?

MEETING ADJOURNED @ 3:05 p.m.

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 18, from 1:30-2:30 p.m.
   (Bradley Conference Room)