I. Call to Order: 2:00 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes: September 27, 2012 meeting-tabled to next meeting due to lack of quorum

III. Information/Announcements
   - November 8, 2012 MUS-STAC meeting at MSU

IV. Topics for Discussion
   - Research Council input/feedback/recommendations into the new MSU Strategic Plan (Chris Fastnow, guest)
     o MSU’s Strategic Plan is considered a living, 12-month document and will be revisited every year for updates, expansions, etc.
     o Important that RC provide strategies/global recommendations on accomplishing research goals established in MSU’s SP. Some possibilities:
       ▪ Add requirement to Role & Scope that to promote to full professor must graduate PhD student(s)
       ▪ If sponsor provides funding for graduate student support, require graduate student support in proposal
- Require departments to nominate faculty for national awards
  - Important that RC have a member on the Planning Council and that PC have a member on Research Council

- MUS-STAC plan
  - Review MUS-STAC plan (see above link), send revisions/changes to Chair or bring with to November 1st RC meeting

- Faculty Compensation
  - As a follow-up to the August 13 RC meeting, MSU is reviewing other institutions’ faculty compensation plans. Leslie Schmidt will attend the October 18 RC meeting and discuss the pros and cons of each plan

- Awards to recognize faculty and graduate students for grants achievements/fellowships, etc.-tabled

- Topics to discuss during AY12/13-tabled

**Next Meeting: Thursday, October 18, 2012, from 2:00-3:00 p.m. in 214 Hamilton Hall**