**Research Council Minutes
Thursday, April 2, 2015
3:00pm – 4:30pm
Hamilton Hall, room 214**

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| Reijo Pera, Renee | Idzerda, Yves | Ragain, Melissa |
| Arlitsch, Kenning | June, Ron | Whitlock, Cathy |
| Bekkerman, Anton | Kinion, Elizabeth | Young, Mark |
| Christopher, Suzanne | Kohler, Bern | Watts, Myles-rep from Planning Council |
| Cloninger, Mary | Leary, Myleen | Hoo, Karlene |
| Hilmer, Jonathan | Peyton, Brent | Kearns, Chis |
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1. Call to Order

1. Approval of Minutes: February 5, 2015 meeting minutes - approved

1. Information/Announcements
	* Update on OSP Expenditures
		+ Grants submitted are up 25% from last year at this time
		+ Grants awarded are up 20% from last year
		+ RED has expanded and will continue to expand Pre-Award Services
			1. Pre-Award Services is working on providing graphic services as well as data services
			2. Finding Funding Opportunities vs. Grant Submission assistance
				- Both Pre-Award Services are critical and viewed valuable
	* Inquiry and discussion on faculty receiving credit for writing/submitting grants through P&T process/personnel evaluations
		+ Suggestion: have internal, peer-reviewed process for MSU faculty grant submissions
	* Discussion on MSU’s poor representation through Google search engine
2. Topics for Discussion
* State Research Initiative – update / information
	+ The state research initiative has not been approved by legislature as of April 1, 2015
	+ If state approves initiative, the awards will start July 1, 2015, with a report due to the legislature by January 2017 which will include successes, ROI, jobs created, businesses created, etc.
	+ State RFP in response to the initiative (if approved) is scheduled to be distributed early the week of April 6. Will be open call.
	+ Process for submission, review, awards is in draft at this time:
		- MSU campus dead line is tentatively May 1, 2015
		- Research Council will be first reviewers
			* Oral presentations by submitters
		- Institutional VPRs next level of reviewers
		- Final reviewers/decision-makers will be State committee
			* Draft membership:
				+ BOR representative
				+ 4 legislators
				+ Business leaders - # unknown
			* Possible Oral presentations required
	+ Discussion about RFP, MSU focus areas, need for “shovel ready” projects
		- Think Montana specific…think Bozeman specific….must be compelling….think Team….
		- Smallest proposal = $1MM / Maximum proposal request = $2.5MM – both annually, with total awards from $2MM to $5MM
	+ No F&As provided - will RED office provide postaward assistance (admin/financial)??
* Input needed: submit 3 focus areas for MSU submissions to Renee and Mark by Wednesday, April 8, 2015.

**Next Meeting: Thursday, May 7, 2015, @ 3:00pm, 214 Hamilton Hall**