**Research Council Minutes
Thursday, January 7, 2016
3:30pm – 5:00pm
President’s Conference Room**

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| Reijo Pera, Renee✓ | Hilmer, Jonathan✓ | Ragain, Melissa✓ |
| Arlitsch, Kenning\*\* | June, Ron | Young, Mark |
| Bekkerman, Anton✓ | Kinion, Elizabeth |  |
| Cloninger, Mary | Leary, Myleen✓ | Hoo, Karlene✓ |
| Copie, Valerie | Lipfert, Theo✓ | Kearns, Chris/Mitchell, Jim✓ |
| Held, Suzanne | Peyton, Brent✓ | Potvin, Martha |
| \*\*Brian Rossman✓ |  | Sheehan, Jerry |
| (✓ = present) |

1. Call to Order

1. Approval of Minutes: December 15, 2015 minutes-approved

1. Information/Announcements
	* Research enterprise improving – all numbers are up (grants submitted, grants awarded, F&A collections)
		+ Three recent NSF Career awards granted
		+ MREDI grants: MSU received $9mm of the total $15mm
			1. MREDI PIs will be presenting updates at future RC meetings
	* New prominent scholars seminar series approved by President
		+ Research Council Seminar Series
			1. Six scholars will present over one year
			2. Research Council members to select speakers
	* New Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences RFP committee: Melissa Ragain, chair, Theo Lipfert and Anton Bekkerman
		+ Proposals deadline is January 15, 2016
2. Topics for Discussion
* Brent Peyton presented information on new Keck Foundation award
	+ Awarded prestigious grant of $1MM to establish William F. Keck Discovery Laboratory to study high-temperature organisms
* Karlene Hoo presented information on graduate education over last 3 years (enrollment, degrees conferred, years to completion, etc.)
	+ Goals are to increase graduate enrollment as well as number of doctoral degrees conferred
	+ Vision:
		- Obtain global campus buy-in to MSU as a doctoral university
		- Determine appropriate ratio of faculty to students
		- Include graduate student mentoring/advising in faculty P&T consideration
		- Enhance graduate housing options as incentive to attract students

**Next Meeting: Thursday, February 4, 2016, @ 3:30pm, President’s Conference room**