**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**