

University Council Minutes
Wednesday, June 5, 2013
8:30 – 10:00 am
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Kenning Arlitsch, Daniel Adams, Kregg Aytes, Matt Caires, Kari Cargill, Nancy Cornwell, Dennis Defa, Adam Edelman, Tracy Ellig, Chris Fastnow, Peter Fields, Jaynee Groseth, Brett Gunnink, Bob Hietala, Bob Lashaway, Diane Letendre, Shelley McKamey, Helen Melland, John Neumeier, Kim Obbink, Martha Potvin, Nicol Rae, Jim Rimpau, Michael Stevenson, Leslie Taylor

I. Call to Order

Provost Potvin called the meeting to order.

II. Approval of Minutes for May 1, 2013

Minutes were approved unanimously.

III. University Wide Information/ Announcements

A. Tobacco Free Initiative Update

Jim Rimpau, VP of Student Success

Dr. Rimpau introduced Jenny Haubenreiser, Health Promotion, Director.

Director Haubenreiser gave the Council an update on the progress of the tobacco free initiative on campus, approved by the Council October, 2011, which has now become a national policy.

1.5 to 1.7 million current college students will die prematurely from tobacco use. Over 20% of our students report the effects of exposure to secondhand tobacco.

Director Haubenreiser explained that the initiative has had a lot of success with strong initial compliance. The challenges continue to be the erosion of compliance and the identification of top 'hot spots.' Signs have been used, but stronger enforcement may need to be considered.

Director Haubenreiser expressed the opportunity of creating a culture of respect: Students, faculty, and staff respecting the institutions policies and campus. Also, the office will work to step-up efforts with people who are knowingly not complying with the policy.

The Health Promotions office will continue to do education and outreach.

IV. New Items

A. Student Union Building Room Reservation Policy

Jim Rimpau, VP of Student Success

Dr. Jim Rimpau introduced Butch Damberger, Strand Union, Director.

Director Damberger gave the Council an overview of the SUB reservation policy.

The SUB advisory board came up with a cancellation cost because the current policy lacked any real impacts for late cancellations or no shows.

The policy is divided into three groups based on size and demand of rooms/facility.

Faculty Senate Chair Neumeier suggested that category definitions be added.

Director Damberger told the Council that there was a concern for the student groups whom lack funding. Those groups would be allowed to volunteer to do community service in place of being assessed a fee.

This policy is not intended to be a revenue generation source.

V. Old Items

A. Honorary Degree Policy

John Neumeier, Faculty Senate Chair

Passed unanimously.

VI. Information Items

A. Strategic Plan Update: Stewardship Goal

Chris Fastnow, Director, Office of Planning & Analysis

Director Fastnow read the stewardship goal to the Council: As steward of a land-grant institution, MSU will responsibly manage its human, physical, economic and environmental resources in an open sustainable manner.

Director Fastnow informed the Council that we have made some progress on the human resources objective.

The university has also made progress in the physical resources objective with improvements of ADA accessibility.

Currently, the comprehensive master plan is flat.

The growth of open MSU, to improve efficiency and effectiveness of mission support processes, has enhanced the economic resources objective.

In the final objective, environmental resources, MSU has reduced greenhouse gas emissions by about 10% and diverted waste from our landfill.

VII. Updates

Director McKamey announced that the space exhibit is now open at the Museum of the Rockies.

Director Fields noted that Athletics has maintained an average GPA of 3.16.

Adjunct Faculty Representative Cargill noted that non-tenure track faculty bargaining team began negotiations with the Commissioner's Office.

Dr. Neumeier informed the Council that in September Dr. Mokwa will be serving at Faculty Senate Chair and Dr. Reidy as Chair-Elect.

Director Defa announced that choices enrollment has been completed and reminded the Council that this is contract negotiation season.

Dean Arlitsch announced that the west entrance to the Renne Library is open for the first time since the 1980s. The library is also working with ITC to build a permanent helpdesk on the first floor.

Dean Gunnink informed the council that Dr. Ann Camper will be assuming the Interim Vice President of Research, Creativity, and Technology Transfer.

Dean Caires gave a message on behalf of ASMSU President Murdock, who congratulated Chancellor Limbaugh on his award. Dean Caires also informed the council about the upcoming discussion on the campus drug and alcohol policy.

Associate VP Lashaway acknowledged that start of construction season across campus and the start of the new Jake Jabs College of Business and Entrepreneurship.

VIII. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50am.