**University Council MINUTES**

**Wednesday, February 3rd, 2016**

**8:30 AM – 10:00 AM**

**SUB 233**

**Members:**

Waded Cruzado, Daniel Adams, Kenning Arlitsch, Kregg Aytes, Randy Babbitt, Jeff Bader, Levi Birky, Charles Boyer, Matt Caires, Kari Cargill, Tracy Ellig, Chris Fastnow, Peter Fields, Brett Gunnink, Maggie Hammett, Alison Harmon, Robert Hawks, Bob Hietala, Karlene Hoo, Chris Kearns, Abbey Keene, Greg Kegel, Bob Lashaway, Ilse-Mari Lee, Terry Leist, Shelley McKamey, Helen Melland, Pam Merrell, Chris Murray, Kim Obbink, Mark Nook, Kellie Peterson, Renee Reijo Pera, Martha Potvin, Nicol Rae, Jerry Sheehan, Bill Shields, Sylvia Sparkman, Susan Wolff

1. Call to Order

*President Waded Cruzado*

President Waded Cruzado called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM.

1. Approval of Minutes for November 4, 2015

There was a motion, by Bob Lashaway, to approve the minutes for November 4, 2015; Terry Leist seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

1. University Wide Information/Announcements

President Cruzado started the meeting by announcing that 2016 has already been a very busy year for all four campuses.

MSU hosted the first Suicide Prevention Summit in Montana and it was well attended.

The search for MSU’s new Chief Human Resources Officer is complete – Congratulations to Cathy Hasenpflug!

President Cruzado thanked Peter Fields for his years of dedicated service to MSU.

1. Old Items

A. Affiliated Campus Conflict of Interest (COI) Policy

*Kellie Peterson*

Kellie Peterson requested that this policy be posted for another month for comments and brought back to March’s meeting for a vote.

1. New Items

A. Payment To or Expense Reimbursement for University Departments and Employees by Affiliated Organizations

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B. Affiliated Organizations

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1. Informational Items

A. Strategic Plan Progress Reports: Access & Learning Goals

*Chris Fastnow, Director of Planning & Analysis*

Chris Fastnow presented the most up-to-date data on the progress of the Strategic Plan’s Access & Learning Goals in the Strategic Plan.

President Cruzado emphasized how MSU should continue to put emphasis on retention. In addition, she added that since the Fall of 2012, when the Strategic Plan was launched, MSU has continued to grow and improve processes. Thank you to Chris Fastnow and the Planning Council for handling the plan with such care.

1. Public Comment

There was no public comment offered.

1. Updates

Members of University Council provided brief updates about their departments.