

Budget Council Minutes

January 9, 2024

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm

Montana Room, NAH 359

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Members present:		
Terry Leist	Chris Fastnow	Brian Gillespie
Tracy Dougher for Bob Mokwa	Craig Woolard	Ryan Knutson
Alison Harmon	Rosamarie Roccisano	Kim Obbink
Steven Swinford		
Others present:	Megan Lasso	Brianna Bos
Brittany Thompson	Beverly Garrison	

- I. Call to Order
 - A. Chair Terry Leist
 1. Happy New Year, winter is here.
 2. Welcome new member, Brian Gillespie, Dean of JJCBE
- II. Approval of Minutes – October 24, 2023
- III. University Information/Announcements
 - A. Board of Regents Meeting Updates
 1. November 2023 Meeting
 - a) [Enrollment Update](#)
 2. Facilities Items
 - a) Grant Street Pedestrian Access
 - b) Facilities Yard Relocation
 - c) Indoor Practice Facility
 3. The next meeting is in Helena on January 11th, 2024, at 10:00 am.
 - B. [Budget Framework Presentation](#)
 1. Align policies and Principles regarding tuition, appropriations, and financial aid.
- IV. Action Items
 - A. Follow-up on assessment questions from the October meeting and recommendation for the President.
 1. Procure and Deploy Texting Solution for MSU
 - a) Council discussion:
 - (1) Conduct an analysis of the current users.
 - (2) Determine if we have new and now redundant software. 3) Determine if terminating the contract cost more than the remaining investment?
 2. OIP International SOS - Priority 1
 - a) Council discussion:
 - (1) The International SOS contract was unsuccessful, and the department created an in-house position.
 - (2) Review the cost difference associated with the initial request and the current solution.

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1. MA in Teaching
 - a) Council discussion:
 - (1) The Council recommended following the guidelines for underperforming programs and referred to Academic Affairs and BOR.
 2. Director of Student Athlete Wellness
 - a) Council discussion:
 - (1) Overall, the information now is much improved from the initial submission.
 - (2) The Council recommends continued funding.
 3. Athletics Learning Strategist
 - a) Council discussion:
 - (1) The department provided additional information. The number of students seen is 15, at a rate of two times per week for one hour.
 - (2) Group sessions are available. The Learning Strategist meets with the Coaching Staff.
 - (3) The Council recommends continued funding.
- VI. Public Comment/Member Feedback
- A. BT asked if there is a process to reclaim funds if the Teaching MA program is sunset. CF responded that the provost has a self-correcting mechanism.
- VII. Training and/or Data Review
- A. Long-Term Revenue Projections – Megan Lasso
 1. MSU has experienced steady enrollment growth that began in FY09 and has begun to plateau in recent years. As non-resident enrollment increased, revenue increased, but there will be some market challenges related to non-residents in the future.
 2. Residential enrollment has experienced a downward trend over the same period.
 3. Several budgetary strategies in that time that changed as the needs of the institution changed.
 4. Looking forward, what is the long-term, 4-6 year, revenue model? Unless we are continually backfilling enrollment to current levels, the amount of revenue we see today may shift.

***Next Meeting:
April 9, 2024
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm
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