**Planning Council Agenda**

**Wednesday, February 22, 2023**

**10:30-12:00 noon**

**Montana Board Room, NAH 359**

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| **Attendance** | | | |
| **Members Present:** |  | **Guests:** |  |
| Jodi Allison-Bunnell | Katie Ivester | Mary Kate Blake | Richard Rudnicki |
| Kristin Blackler | Chris Kearns | Ariel Donohue | Steve Swinford |
| Michael Brody | Jennifer Lachowiec | Ian Godwin | Dawn Ford |
| Sophia Burchfield | Terry Leist | Megan Lasso | James Broscheit |
| Chris Fastnow | Susan Raph | Craig Ogilvie | Keith Hamburg |
| Brett Gunnink | Jim Zimpel | Grant Peterson | Beverly Garrison |
| Alison Harmon |  |  |  |

1. Welcome and announcements

A. Alison Harmon announced [RED Recognition Day](https://www.montana.edu/research/celebrating_research_2023.html) May 2nd. Save the Date and Nominate your Everyday Hero by March 31st.

B. Fastnow celebrated Jennifer Lachowiec’s Spring Convocation award.

C. Fastnow noted [Excellence in Service & MSU Employees of the Year](https://www.montana.edu/employeerecognition/) nominations are being accepted until March 10th. Awards Ceremony, April 20, 2023.

1. Approval of minutes from January 25, 2023 – approved
2. Discussion
   1. Financial Need, Education, and other supports for students – James Broscheit and Keith Hamburg

***James Broscheit, Director of Financial Aid. Financial Aid and student persistence to graduation.***

Outlined the Financial Aid process

Additional benefits to students renewing their FAFSA each year

* Unused aid can be accessed to assist students experiencing food insecurity or facing a financial emergency late in the term.

Financial Aid and Financial Education work year-round to overcome the common barriers to students completing the FAFSA application annually. Renewing the application annually. Prior-Prior Year Income. Parent resistance to providing information on the FAFSA.

***Keith Hamburg, Senior Financial Coach, Office of Financial Education***

OFE provides coaching for students and families about what to expect financially begins prior to the first day the student attends class and develops into a relationship that can reach beyond graduation.

OFE offers coaching to overcome Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) violations, Financial Holds, and Second Wind support.

B. Goal 2.4 – Raise expectations for scholarship.

Fastnow discussed the action items and metrics for this goal. VP RED Harmon spoke about how they revised the F and A budget request process to meet action item 2.4.1. Deans and Center Directors will reflect on the past year and set goals for the upcoming year with those in mind. Further discussion followed on research expenditures, measuring and benchmarking scholarly productivity, and external support for research faculty and students.

C. Goal 2.3 – postponed to next meeting

1. Other business – next meeting will include some more goal updates and a visit from President Cruzado.
2. Public comment – none

**Next meeting: March 22, 2023 10:30 am -12 noon, MT Room**