**Research Council Minutes  
Thursday, April 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 | Walk, Seth |
| Bekkerman, Anton | Kinion, Elizabeth | Young, Mark |
| Cloninger, Mary | Leary, Myleen | Hoo, Karlene |
| Copie, Valerie | Lipfert, Theo | Kearns, Chris/Mitchell, Jim |
| Held, Suzanne | Peyton, Brent | Potvin, Martha |
|  |  | Sheehan, Jerry |
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1. Call to Order

1. Approval of Minutes: March 3 meeting minutes - approved

1. Information/Announcements
   * Welcome to Seth Walk as the new Faculty Senate representative
   * Suzanne Christopher: recommend providing ongoing updates/advertising/press releases to public on the progress of MREDI grants
2. Topics for Discussion

* **Renee Reijo Pera: Research update**
  + - 1. **MREDI proposals – successful**
         * September 2016: each MREDI group will present on progress
         * Revisit process for next MREDI round to ensure clarity
      2. **HASS program – successful**
         * Will be asking for presentations of the awardees

Bring success, luster to MSU name

Supports graduate education/students

* + - 1. **RED budget for FY2017**
         * $10.4mm estimated to be spent on faculty recruitment and retentions
         * With recruitment/retentions it is difficult to support current faculty
         * With recruitment/retentions it is difficult to support key, essential core facilities
         * Seeking input on spending priorities
      2. Strengthening Research and Scholarly Work – objectives and recommendations:

*Develop measure of productivity and success*

* + - * + Departments/centers/institutes provide an annual report of production
        + Tie annual reports productivity measured in line with where money is invested

*Develop ability to compare MSU to peer universities*

* + - * + Aspire to improve MSU

*Develop measure of promotion and tenure*

* + - * + Understand definition tenure or tenure track?
        + Have all tenure faculty performing outreach, teaching and research would strengthen research
        + Faculty Senate website has new documents written by Work Group on promotion and tenure which includes requiring scholarship, including research, teaching and service for promotion and tenure
      1. Brock LaMeres: new center, Montana Engineering Education Research Center (MEERC)
         * NSF seeks bigger interdisciplinary, transformative proposals and this proposed center will enable engineering faculty to better leverage interdisciplinary synergies.
         * College of Engineering is working on establishing funding for the center
         * Next steps: submitting to Faculty Senate, Deans’ Council in May, President’s Executive Council, then BOR in September 2016 for approval
         * Research Council voted and passed unanimous approval
      2. Autoclaves as a Core Facility - tabled to May 5 meeting

**Next Meeting: Thursday, May 5, 2016, @ 3:30pm, President’s Conference room**

**LAST MEETING OF THE SEMESTER**