I. Call to Order

II. Approval of Minutes: December 15, 2015 minutes-approved

III. Information/Announcements
   - Research enterprise improving – all numbers are up (grants submitted, grants awarded, F&A collections)
     - Three recent NSF Career awards granted
     - MREDI grants: MSU received $9mm of the total $15mm
       i) MREDI PIs will be presenting updates at future RC meetings
   - New prominent scholars seminar series approved by President
     - Research Council Seminar Series
       i) Six scholars will present over one year
       ii) Research Council members to select speakers
   - New Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences RFP committee: Melissa Ragain, chair, Theo Lipfert and Anton Bekkerman
     - Proposals deadline is January 15, 2016

IV. Topics for Discussion
   - Brent Peyton presented information on new Keck Foundation award
     - Awarded prestigious grant of $1MM to establish William F. Keck Discovery Laboratory to study high-temperature organisms
• Karlene Hoo presented information on graduate education over last 3 years (enrollment, degrees conferred, years to completion, etc.)

➢ Goals are to increase graduate enrollment as well as number of doctoral degrees conferred

➢ Vision:
  o Obtain global campus buy-in to MSU as a doctoral university
  o Determine appropriate ratio of faculty to students
  o Include graduate student mentoring/advising in faculty P&T consideration
  o Enhance graduate housing options as incentive to attract students

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 4, 2016, @ 3:30pm, President’s Conference room