Research Council Minutes
Wednesday, September 26, 2018
3:00pm – 5:00pm
President’s Conference Room

VOTING:
Reijo Pera, Renee
Beamish, Rollin
Cloninger, Mary
June, Ron
Peyton, Brent/Gerlach, Robin
Rae, Nic
Ruff, William

NON-VOTING:
Running, Alice
Shaw, Colin
Thorsen, Andreas
Tuss, Nicole
Wiedenheft, Blake
Yeoman, Carl

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of Minutes:
➢ Approved

III. Discussion of Strategic Goals
➢ Intentional Focus 2: Improve Lives and Society through Research, Creativity, and Scholarship
  o Does Research, Creativity and Scholarship really tell what we are doing, is there a better way to say this?
  o What does Scholarship mean to different people and what do we want it to mean?
  o Do we need to specifically call out the Arts?
  o Some suggestions from the meeting:
    I. Research, Creativity and Innovation
    II. Innovative Research and Creativity
  o Please let Renee know of any other suggestions.
➢ Goal 2.1: Enhance the significance and impact of scholarship
➢ MSU research and creative activity demonstrates impact on Montana’s and the world’s pressing challenges through application of our discoveries in communities, industry and organizations, as well as through academic indicators of the expansion of knowledge.
  o Do we positively impact the state?
  o Who is the target audience?
    I. Mostly used as an internal document but the Alumni Foundation will use as a fundraising tool.
  o We need to show that we are caring for our communities, for the health of our people, for education and welfare for defense, for securing Montana’s future.
  o There is a balance that has to take place because although when you are focused you lose that equity you are also gaining excellence. We do want to gain excellence, so there is a
balance between autonomy, equity and excellence. If we can maintain that balance, we can to some degree achieve all 3.

- What if we thought about instead of having it in Goal 2.1 language that has been founded on social sciences. What if we moved this into Securing Montana’s Future and then if we are securing Montana’s Future we care about energy, we care about defense, but we also care about the culture and arts of Montana and the citizens.
- What if we dumped the whole section and ended the sentence at discoveries. The sentence would then read…MSU research and creative activity demonstrates impact on Montana’s and the world’s pressing challenges through application of our discoveries.
  - Metrics and Actions
  - Cannot drop precision agriculture, however we need to decide what the other three metrics and actions are.
    - Suggestions from the meeting are Caring for our environment, our people and communities. Feeding the world, Entrepreneurship,
  - Have not received comments on other three goals 2.2, 2.3, and 2.4. If you have further comments please let Renee know.

IV. HASS Presentation: Robert Rydell

V. HASS Presentation: Jeffrey Conger

VI. REF Presentation: Ryan Thum

Next Meeting October 24, 2018, 3:00pm, President’s Conference Room