

**University Council Minutes**  
**Wednesday, February 2, 2011**  
**8:30 - 9:30 am**  
**SUB, Room 233**

Waded Cruzado, Daniel Adams, Susan Agre-Kippenhan, Peter Fields, Nancy Filbin, Eric Fisher, Jaynee Groseth, Jeff Jacobsen, Marvin Lansverk, Diane Letendre, Paula Lutz, Robert Marley, Tom McCoy, Shelley McKamey, Helen Melland, Tamara Miller, Dan Moshavi, Jo Packham, Martha Potvin, Jim Rimpau, Craig Roloff, Joe Schaffer, Michael Stevenson, Leslie Taylor, William Van Horn, Allen Yarnell

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I. Call to Order

President Cruzado welcomed everyone to University Council.

II. Approval of Minutes of January 5, 2011

The Minutes were approved as submitted.

III. University Wide Information/ Announcements

President Cruzado announced that candidates for the Executive Director of University Communications will be visiting the campus for interviews.

President Cruzado welcomed Connie Welsh, Director of Benefits, Montana University System.

IV. Action

There were no action items.

V. Informational

A. Benefit Plan Challenges and Changes for FY 2012 and FY 2013 – Connie Welsh, Director of Benefits, Montana University System

Director of Benefits Connie Welsh gave a presentation on the MUS Benefits Plan for FY 2012 and FY 2013.

B. Overview of Discrimination and Harassment Training and Implementation Plan – Diane Letendre

Due to time constraints, this item will be discussed at the March 2 University Council meeting.

### C. New Fair Labor Standards Rules – Leslie Taylor

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## VI. Updates

### A. Provost Martha Potvin

Provost Potvin announced that some staff members of the Provost's Office have been attending training in regional accreditation standards.

### B. Faculty Senate

Faculty Senate Chair Marvin Lansverk announced Dennis Jones will be on campus February 16. All faculty will be encouraged to attend the open forum. Faculty Senate will be conducting administrative reviews according to the Faculty Handbook. This year Deans and Department Heads will be reviewed. Faculty Senate is assisting in the development of the policy regarding Regents' Professors.

### C. Professional Council

Professional Council Chair Nancy Filbin announced Professional Council had the opportunity to meet with the Board of Regents and discuss the uniqueness of Professional Council. Professional Council looks forward to the opportunity for listening sessions with the Office of Commissioner of Higher Education and the Board of Regents.

### D. Staff Senate

Staff Senate William Van Horn announced Staff Senate is looking at opportunities to collaborate with their counterparts from the University of Montana. Staff Senate looks forward to the opportunity for listening sessions with the Office of Commissioner of Higher Education and the Board of Regents.

### E. ASMSU

ASMSU President Eric Fisher announced ASMSU is very busy with their budgeting cycle. ASMSU is looking at redistricting for their senate positions and they are reviewing different models. ASMSU has been very active in the legislative process this year. President Fisher gave a special thanks to Matt Smith for all of his dedication and hard work.

#### F. Athletics

Athletic Director Peter Fields announced the EZ Groundbreaking Ceremony was very successful. Today is national signing day for football. The football team will be honored for winning the Big Sky Conference at the February 10 basketball game.

#### G. MSU-Billings

Chancellor Rolf Groseth was unable to attend the meeting.

#### H. MSU-Great Falls

Dean Joe Schaffer announced MSU-Great Falls hopes to complete construction of the simulated hospital environment by late March. Construction continues on the Child Care Center. MSU-Great Falls is reviewing its internal organizational structure and student advisement. MSU-Great Falls is establishing a statewide Veterinary Tech Program.

#### I. MSU-Northern

Chancellor Frank Trocki was unable to attend the meeting.

#### J. Foundation

President and CEO Michael Stevenson announced that fundraising is up 113%, investments are over \$1.4 million with 12.5% return in the last six months. The Foundation is searching for an Assistant Vice President for Development. The Foundation and Alumni recently held a two day retreat to review opportunities to collaborate and advance their organizations.

#### K. Legislature

President Cruzado gave a brief update on the legislature. The Bonding bill will be introduced this week.

President Cruzado discussed the changes in Commencement. Commencement will be student and faculty focused. There will be two large ceremonies allowing each student to be recognized and receive his/her diploma.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 am.