

University Council
MINUTES

January 12, 2022
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM
SUB, Room 235

Members:

Waded Cruzado, Kenning Arlitsch, Sreekala Bajwa, Norris Blossom, Janelle Booth, Matt Caires, Jason Carter, Julie Clay, Leon Costello, Chris Dobbs, Ariel Donohue, Tracy Ellig, Stephanie Erdmann, Chris Fastnow, Stephanie Gray, Jeannette Grey-Gilbert, Brett Gunnink, Alison Harmon, Robert Hawks, Stefani Hicswa, John How, Yves Idzerda, Chris Kearns, Greg Kegel, Ryan Knutson, Chere LeClair, Ilse-Mari Lee, Terry Leist, Dan Miller, Bob Mokwa, Chris Murray, Kim Obbink, Craig Ogilvie, Kellie Peterson, Sarah Shannon, Royce Smith, Cody Stone, Amber Vestal, Bradford Watson, Kristof Zaba, Mike Becker, Liz Weber, Mike Babcock, JoDee Palin, Camie Bechtold, Chris Catlett

I. Call to Order

President Waded Cruzado

President Cruzado called the meeting to order at 8:30am.

II. Approval of Minutes for December 1, 2021

Dean Royce Smith moved for approval; Terry Leist seconded, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

III. University Wide Information/ Announcements

President Cruzado shared her congratulations to the Bobcat Football team and Bobcat Nation on the recent National Championship game and welcomed Dean Kristof Zaba to the Office of International Programs. Thank you to Dr. Debby Haynes, for your service and leadership.

IV. Public Comment

There was no public comment offered.

V. New Items

A. Environmental Health and Safety Policy Revision

Camie Bechtold, Chief Compliance Officer; Chris Catlett, Director, Safety & Risk Management

MSU's environmental health and safety policy helps the university fulfill its mission while complying with applicable federal, state and local environmental health and safety regulations, laws and standards. It also builds in protections for the health and safety of the university's students and employees. Updates proposed are part of the regular review of policies.

B. Missing Student Policy Revision

Camie Bechtold, Chief Compliance Officer; Matt Caires, Dean of Students

The missing student policy establishes a framework for cooperation among members of the university community – including students, employees and others – to locate enrolled students who are reported missing. The proposed updates include details about how residential student contact information is to be used if the student is deemed missing

and the confidential nature of this information. The updates are in response to suggestions from a national consultant, who in 2019 worked with all the campuses of the Montana University System and reviewed MSU's compliance with the federal Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act, also known as the Clery Act.

VI. Public Comment

There was no public comment offered.

VII. Updates

Provost Mokwa shared a week from today we welcome our students back to the Spring semester.

Chancellor Hicswa shared 70% of student athletes achieved 3.0 GPA, preparing for next semester, Center for teaching and learning will be launched. Digital marketing will be used for the 1st time at MSU Billings. Monday, MLK Day will kick off a week of MLK diversity activities. Yesterday was her 1st year anniversary as MSU Billings Chancellor.

Chancellor Kegel shared industry needs are generating additional interest resulting in increased career fair participation and ideas for engaging students in scholarships and other activities within industry proactively. Working with MT Farmer Union related to grant funding partnerships in area such as the high line for example.

CEO/Dean Erdmann shared classes started on Monday with two 8-week sessions. 139 students on Deans list from last semester. Shared 2 inspiring studies of successful students.

University Council adjourned at 9:30am.

NOTE: The next University Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 2, 2022, from 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM.