

Research Council Minutes
Thursday, October 14, 2010
2:00 - 3:00 pm
Bradley Conference Room
Wilson Hall

McCoy, Tom	X	Johnson, Cheryl	X	Shaw, Joe	X
Black, Laura	X	Kuntz, Sandy	X	Whitlock, Cathy	X
Cloninger, Mary	out	Gee, Regina	X		
Douglas, Trevor	X	Jutila, Mark	X	Fedock, Joseph	out
Erickson, Joanne	X	Marley, Robert	out	Yarnell, Allen	X
Hays, Rick	call-in	Pascual, David	X	Fox, Carl	X

VISITORS: Amy Lansindorf, ASMSU Exponent
Autumn LeBoef, ASMSU Exponent

- I. **Call to Order**
Meeting was called to order by Dr. McCoy at 2:00 p.m.
- II. **Introduction of the members**
All members present introduced themselves with their names, department and their status as a RC member (ie, position, representative body).
- III. **Comments from President Cruzado**
 - i) Presented background on the development and process for establishing the five (5) Councils (University, Budget, Deans, Planning, and Research)
 - ii) Presented Research Council charge:
 1. Determine how to select representatives for the RC, length of service, ie, RC By-Laws;
 2. Provide guidance on how to launch and implement Moving Mountains and Minds;
 3. Provide feedback to President on endeavors that will be able to break down artificial divisions between departments/colleges;
 4. Provide guidance to President and Provost on strengthening graduate programs.
- IV. **Connections with Other Councils by President Cruzado:**
 - i) All Council agendas and minutes will be public;
 - ii) All Research Council recommendations will be presented to University Council for approval;
 - iii) Synergies will exist between Deans Council and Research Council
 - iv) Research Council members hold membership on other Councils
- V. **Discussion of Selection of Members in Future Years**
 - o McCoy – Be prepared to present recommendations on this issue at November or December meeting, with considerations for sliding memberships, individuals passionate about research, etc.

VI. Discussion of Areas of Responsibility

- McCoy:
 - All RC members, regardless of “representative position” on the Council (ie, faculty, department head, dean, etc.), are on RC to represent MSU. All individual, departmental, centers, programs, etc. issues/agendas need to be set aside.
 - Research Council areas of responsibilities - handout

VII. Initial Topics for Discussion – priority order changed at meeting:

i) Funding of Core Facilities

- McCoy: main issue to discuss at next meeting
 - How to fund and keep operational (support for technical staff, maintenance)
 - Definition: A physical space housing instrumentation/equipment that is broadly used by campus/external users. Clarification: Any facility/laboratory located on any of MSU’s four campuses is accessible by and provides services to all campus employees, public groups and private groups at a set fee.
 - VPRsearch has list of known Core Facilities on their website – will post link on RC webpage.

ii) Enhancing Interdisciplinary Research (IDR)

- McCoy: develop creative ideas to enhance IDR activity at MSU; consider impediments and ways to incentivize faculty
 - Funding agencies trend is to fund larger awards for IDR programs
 - Cathy Whitlock to present information at next meeting on Institute of Environment (how to build it, what it is doing, etc.)
 - Current MSU IDR successful examples: Center for Biofilm Engineering, Spectrum Lab, Center for Bioinspired Nanomaterials, Thermal Biology Institute

iii) Limits on Subcontracts

- McCoy: MSU collects F&A only on first \$25,000
 - Leslie Schmidt is researching subcontract policies/procedures of other universities

iv) Enhancing Graduate Education

- McCoy: given time, this item will be discussed at November meeting

VIII. Additional topics for RC to discuss:

- Carl Fox: How does research factor into performance based budgeting?
- David Pascual: How to revitalize TechPark?

MEETING ADJOURNED @ 3:05 p.m.

**Next Meeting: Thursday, November 18, from 1:30-2:30 p.m.
(Bradley Conference Room)**