

**University Council MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, November 5, 2014**  
**8:30 AM - 10:00 AM**  
**233 SUB**

Waded Cruzado, Daniel Adams, Kenning Arlitsch, Kregg Aytes, Jeff Bader, Matt Caires, Kari Cargill, Nancy Cornwell, David Court, Dennis Defa, Glenn Duff, Tracy Ellig, Chris Fastnow, Peter Fields, Destini French, Liz Greenfield, Kate Grimes, Brett Gunnink, Maggie Hammett, Robert Hawks, Bob Hietala, Karlene Hoo, Chris Kearns, Greg Kegel, Bob Lashaway, Ilse-Mari Lee, Terry Leist, Shelley McKamey, Helen Melland, Chris Murray, Kim Obbink, Mark Nook, Renee Reijo Pera, Martha Potvin, Nicol Rae, Lynda Ransdell, Michael Reidy, Jerry Sheehan, Leslie Taylor, Susan Wolff

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I. Call to Order  
*President Waded Cruzado*

President Waded Cruzado called the meeting to order.

II. Approval of Minutes for October 1, 2014

Bob Lashaway moved to approve the minutes for October 1, 2014; Terry Leist seconded the minutes and they were approved unanimously.

III. University Wide Information/Announcements

President Cruzado announced that Friday, November 7, 2014 was Celebrate Ag Day at MSU and Dean Glenn Duff shared additional logistical information for the weekend's activities.

IV. New Items  
A. Faculty Staff Waivers  
*Leslie Taylor, Legal Counsel*

Leslie Taylor disclosed that the Board of Regents requires a Faculty Staff Waiver policy, thus MSU is working to have one adopted. Greg Kegel asked if this policy covered other campuses, and while it is currently set to only cover MSU Bozeman, Leslie welcomed discussions to have other campuses adopt it as well. This policy will be posted for Comment for 30 days. The item will be voted on at the December 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

B. Employee Background Check  
*Leslie Taylor, Legal Counsel*

This policy was re-written to reflect that an Employee Background Check can last for 24 months, as oppose to how it is currently written at 18 months. This item will be voted on at the December 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

V. Old Items

A. Health Promotion to Office of Health Advancement

*Marci Torres, Assistant Director, Student Health Service*

The change in the name of the Health Promotion Office to the Office of Health Advancement was up for vote. Matt Caires moved to change the name; Bob Hietala seconded the motion. The name change passed unanimously.

VI. Informational Items

A. 2014 Engagement Scholarship/W.K. Kellogg Foundation Engagement Awards, Exemplary Project Announcement

*Kim Obbink, Director, Extended University*

Kim Obbink provided an introduction about the 2014 Engagement Scholarship/W.K. Kellogg Foundation Engagement Awards, which are sponsored by APLU. In collaboration with President Waded Cruzado, Kim announced that MSU's own Towne's Harvest program was recognized as an "Exemplary Project" by the award selection committee. President Cruzado shared this honor with program supervisors, Alison Harmon and Bill Dyer, by giving them the plaque issued by APLU.

B. Strategic Plan Update – Learning Goal

*Chris Fastnow, Director, Office of Planning & Analysis*

Throughout the year, Chris Fastnow, chair of Planning Council, will present progress reports on the university's strategic plan goals. This month she provided an update on the learning goal, incorporating metrics which showed course completion/comprehension. MSU's Strategic Plan, "Mountains and Minds: Learners and Leaders," is intended to guide and inform those making strategic decisions. More information about the strategic plan is available at <http://www.montana.edu/strategicplan/>.

C. Norm Asbjornson Innovation Center – Project Process Update

*Brett Gunnink, Dean, College of Engineering*

*Walt Banziger, Director, Campus Planning Design & Construction*

Walt Banziger showed slides indicating the progress and planning that has been taking place for the Norm Asbjornson Innovation center.

VII. Updates

Members of University Council provided brief updates about their departments.

## VIII. Public Comment

No public comment was offered.