

## University Council MINUTES

February 2, 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

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#### I. Call to Order

*President Waded Cruzado*

President Cruzado called meeting to order at 8:31am.

#### II. Approval of Minutes for January 12, 2021

Dean Royce Smith moved to approve minutes; Terry Leist seconded, and minutes were approved unanimously.

#### III. University Wide Information/Announcements

President Cruzado recently met with MSU Billings Leadership. She is reminded how fortunate we are to be surrounded by the best in education, art, science and engineering. President Cruzado also attended the Muir Quartet in Reynolds Hall. EHHD Showcase is coming up, as well.

#### IV. Public Comment

There was no public comment offered.

#### V. Old Items

##### A. Environmental Health and Safety Policy Revision

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

Chris Catlett and Camie Bechtold shared comments were received and provided changes to those comments. They presented to Faculty Senate, as well. The policy was approved unanimously.

##### B. Missing Student Policy Revision

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

ASMSU provided feedback from the last meeting and the policy was approved unanimously.

#### VI. Informational Item

##### A. *Choosing Promise: Goal 1.2, Expand High Quality Graduate Education*

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

Dr. Fastnow shared GOAL 1.2: Expand high-quality graduate education. Montana State University will enroll and graduate more degree-seeking students at the graduate level and enhance the quality of graduate degree programs.

#### METRICS and ACTIONS

1. Montana State University will enhance its graduate education portfolio with appropriate balance across programs including the social sciences, humanities and arts by 2024.
2. Montana State University will match up to 20 additional externally funded graduate research assistantships with institutionally supported and competitively awarded graduate research assistant appointments, aligned with Grand Challenge areas, annually by 2020.
3. Montana State University will increase the number of research doctoral degrees (to 90 from 66), professional practice doctorates (to 30 from 25), and Master's degrees (to 650 from 566) awarded annually by 2024.
4. All graduate degree programs will undergo systematic review and, if appropriate, redesign to ensure that they are structured to meet the diverse career paths of today's students by 2022.

#### VII. Public Comment

There was no public comment offered.

#### VII. Updates

Provost Mokwa shared Doralyn Rossman from the Library will deliver the next Provost's Lecture Series.

Chancellor Hicswa shared great things are happening at MSU Billings. Leadership is connecting across campus and looking at more conversations for their team.

Chancellor Kegel shared they held an involvement fair. They are working on coop experiences for a mentoring program.

Dean Erdmann shared Bring the U to YOU event happening at GFC MSU with alumni on Jan 18. Professor Rob Maher recently visited the GFC MSU community.

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