

University Council Minutes
April 1, 2026
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM
SUB, Alumni Legacy Lounge

Members:

Brock Tessman, Dean Adams, Fran Albrecht, Justin Arndt, Richard Badenhausen, Sreekala Bajwa, Mike Becker, Matt Caires, Leon Costello, Chris Dobbs, Stephanie Erdmann, Stephanie Gray, Jeannette Grey Gilbert, Brian Gillespie, Brett Gunnink, Alison Harmon, Debbie Haynes, Stefani Hicswa, John How, Greg Kegel, Ryan Knutson, Chere LeClair, Kayla Lee, Terry Leist, Rob Maher, Bob Mokwa, Sally Mudiamu, Doralyn Rossmann, Tricia Seifert, Steve Swinford, Kim Obbink, Kellie Peterson, Sarah Shannon, Cody Stone, Will Thomas, James Tobin, Lenny Triem, Brad White

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 8:31am

II. Approval of Minutes for March 4, 2026

Motion to approve minutes made by Sreekala Bajwa
Second by Dean Adams
Unanimous Approval

III. University Wide Information/Announcements

Strong finish to the semester
AI Faculty Symposium last week – number of faculty from across the state attended
Powwow last week – such energy and positive environment

IV. Public Comment (30 minutes)

- a. **Blake Lindemann** - - EPA funded program (Environmental Justice Center) - provided technical writing and grant writing for tribal nations in regards to accessing environmental grants
- b. **John Fitzgibbon** - - Snowpack drought in Montana solutions
- c. **Maya Hanlon** - - Wildfire some and air pollution on campus

V. Old Items

- a. Uncrewed Aircraft Systems (UAS), or Drone Policy
Justin Arndt, Chief Compliance Officer

Motion to approve the policy made by Rob Maher
Second by John How
Unanimous Approval

VI. New Items

- a. Student Code of Conduct Policy
Matt Caires, Dean of Students
Bill McKenney, Associate Dean of Students

Presented a PowerPoint w/Q&A and Discussion
- b. Medical Amnesty
Matt Caires, Dean of Students
Bill McKenney, Associate Dean of Students

Jennifer Glad, Associate Legal Counsel

Presented a PowerPoint w/Q&A and Discussion

VII. Informational Items

- a. MSU Billings Presentation

Stefani Hicswa, Chancellor

PowerPoint and Presentation

- b. What leaders should know and prepare for with Edify - MSU's new Institutional Data Warehouse (IDW) implementation

Luke Shalewski, Director, University Data and Analytics

Presentation tabled until the May meeting

- c. Health Professions Advising Name Change

Durward Sobek, Vice Provost

PowerPoint and Presentation

VIII. Updates

IX. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at: 10:02 am

**NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2026 @ 8:30AM, SUB
ALUMNI LEGACY LOUNGE**