

# Deans' Council

## Minutes: Tuesday, October 23 2012

8:00 – 11:00 am

President's Conference Room

Martha Potvin  
Kenning Arlitsch  
Kregg Aytes  
Matthew Cairnes  
Nancy Cornwell

Carl Fox  
Brett Gunnink  
Robert Hietala  
Jeff Jacobsen  
Ron Larsen

Paula Lutz  
Tom McCoy  
Helen Melland  
John Neumeier

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**I. Call to order**

**II. Approval of Minutes of October 9, 2012 Meeting**

Minutes unanimously approved as written

**III. Information/Announcements**

**A. Fall 2012 Commencement**

The President has requested that emeritus faculty be invited to campus events, especially commencements. The Provost will send an initial invitation. *The Colleges are asked to follow up with their emeritus faculty regarding the invitation.*

**B. Year of Engaged Leadership**

The planning committee for the Year of Engaged Leadership (YEAR) has released the focal topics for each month. Colleges and other University units are asked to submit existing and proposed new events for the YEAR schedule. Event funding should be sources currently used for the events or discretionary funds. *College events to be included in the list of events should be directed to Lisa Duffey by December 7.*

**IV. Topics for Discussion:**

**A. Recommendation on Motor Pool Business Analysis**

A discussion was held about the future of the MSU Motor Pool. Several individuals commented on the feedback received from the faculty and staff in their Colleges. The items of concern were availability of large capacity vehicles for field trips and vehicles for student drivers. Brett Gunnink moved to eliminate the Motor Pool and give VP Terry Leist the flexibility needed to explore options for a contract with a private company with a focus on MSU's special needs: large capacity vehicles and student drivers. The motion was seconded by Jeff Jacobsen and unanimously approved.

**B. Academic Strategic Planning**

Discussion was held to explore strategies to meet the metrics in the Learning and Discovery sections of the Academic Strategic Plan.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 6, 2012; 10:00 am – 3:00 pm (SUB 168)**