

# Deans' Council Meeting

## Minutes: Tuesday, March 12, 2013

1:30-3:00 pm

President's Conference Room

Martha Potvin

Kenning Arlitsch

Kregg Aytes – Susan Dana

Matthew Caires

Nancy Cornwell

Brett Gunnink – John Paxton

Robert Hietala

Jeff Jacobsen

Ron Larsen

Tom McCoy

Helen Melland

John Neumeier

Nicol Rae

Lynda Ransdell

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### I. Call to order

### II. Approval of Minutes of February 15, 2013 Meeting

Minutes unanimously approved as distributed.

### III. Information/Announcements

- A. ADVANCE Data Charrette on April 9, 2013 at 3 p.m., Leigh Lounge: Data from the campus climate survey will be presented.
- B. Department/College Student Honors at Commencement: Will be unable to include additional information on the graduates, such as their home towns, department honors or college honors.
- C. Research Space Renovation document – John Neumeier: Faculty Senate (John Neumeier) and Facilities Services (Jeff Butler) have been in conversation since fall 2012 to create an information document for deans, department heads, faculty and/or PIs on the services, charges, and processes for engaging Facilities Services in laboratory renovations. The intent is to clear up misunderstandings and provide guidance. The Deans will share with Department Heads, review and provide input to John Neumeier electronically by **Friday, April 12**.
- D. Council Updates – Deans' Council Representatives
  - a. Research: Working on the strategic plan for research, a space allocation model and priorities for research on campus.
  - b. Planning: Looking at submitted strategic plan for alignment and gaps. Identifying a peer group for MSU for data comparison.
  - c. Budget: Over 100 Strategic Investment Proposals (SIPs) were received requesting over \$12M. 35 were asked to provide more information in hearings. The 16 member committee worked on the SIPs between November and February. 30 SIPs – 18 base, 12 OTO – were sent to the President as highly recommended. She will be making a decision shortly. Feedback on the strengths and weaknesses of the proposals will be provided.
  - d. Outreach/Engagement: Council began in October. Has worked on a white paper to define key terms. Will develop process for Carnegie classification and awards.
  - e. Information Technology: Has not met yet.

- f. UFPB: Consideration of seismic retrofit of Cheever and Haynes, Harrison Street opening, paving the F lot and public art.
- g. CFAC/EFAC: Received more requests than funds. Have identified projects to receive funds.

**IV. Topics for Discussion:**

- A. Financial Engineering Program (approval needed): Unanimously approved by Deans' Council. Discussion focused on costs and advising.
- B. Classroom Committee Process – Walt Banziger: Postponed until April meeting.
- C. Research Computing – Dewitt Latimer: Two committees are considering the state of research computing at MSU and providing insight and direction for a proposed initiative. A key factor in the discussion is a centralized, shared services model versus a decentralized model. This issues impacts start up packages, institutional data liability, and future capacity. The topic will be revisited.
- D. Material Science Ph.D. – Martha Potvin: The proposal has been approved by the University of Montana and Montana Tech. It has been presented to the Board of Regents as an informational item; the Regents want to see a business plan. Questions raised by the Academic Program working group include resources, which department the program would reside in, administrative support, and the three-campus model. At MSU, the proposal needs to be reviewed by the Graduate Council, Faculty Senate and Deans Council.
- E. Tenure-track Faculty Allocation Process – John Neumeier: Deans Council will engage in a process to identify faculty lines to approve from new Academic Affairs base funding in April. John Neumeier raised the question about being more strategic in decision making by coupling data to the decision, changing the way the proposals are written and presented, confirming data provided in the proposals and providing clear instructions on the process and expectations of the proposals.
- F. Process in Event of Student Death – Matt Caires: Postponed until April meeting.

**Next Meeting: April 9, 2013; 1:30-3:00 p.m.**