

Deans Council

Agenda: Tuesday, April 14, 2015

1:30 – 3:30 pm President’s Conference Room, Montana Hall

Voting Members					
x	Martha A. Potvin	x	Charles Boyer – COA		Helen Melland – CON
	Kenning Arlitsch – Library	x	Brett Gunnink – COE	x	Michael Reidy – Faculty Senate
x	Kregg Aytes – JJCBE	x	Robert Hietala – GC	x	Nicol Rae- CLS
x	Matthew Caires – VPSS Designee	x	Lynda Ransdell – EHHD	x	Nancy Cornwell – COAA
x	Renee Reijo Pera – VPR	x	Karlene Hoo – Graduate School	x	Ilse-Mari Lee – Honors College
Other Members					
x	Ronald Larsen – Associate Provost	x	Martin Teintze – WWAMI	x	Shelly McKamey - MOR
	David Di Maria – Associate Provost		David Singel – Associate Provost	x	Kim Obbink – Extended University
Other Participants in Attendance					
x	Alison Harmon	x	Martha Peters	x	Bob Mokwa
x	Megan Bergstedt	x	Terry Leist	x	Leslie Taylor
x	Chris Kerns				

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- I. **Call to order:** 1:30 pm
 - II. **Approval of Minutes:** Ilse-Mari Lee moved to approve, Kregg Aytes seconded, motion approved.
 - III. **Topics for Discussion:**
 - A. Directed Interdisciplinary Study (DIS) degree: Dean Lee discussed the history of the degree, feasibility and student interest in the degree. Lee recommended a limit of five high achieving students per year. The student will need to prove to the DIS board that their course of studies is not similar to other programs on campus. It is anticipated that more than five applications will be received per year. Nancy Cornwell moved to approve the degree program, Kregg Aytes, seconded, motion passed.
 - B. MSU Center for Health and Safety Culture: Dean Gunnink and VPR Reijo-Pera discussed that a similar center has existed. The Center is based in The Western Transportation Institute under the College of Engineering. It will function as a research center that applies for grants and contracts. Discussion was also undertaken regarding changing the name. Health and Safety has a tendency to relate to employee health and safety. Nancy Cornwell moved to approve the center, Kregg Aytes seconded, motion passed.
 - C. MSU Center for Communication of Science: Dean Cornwell discussed the idea of the Center and mission to help translate in compelling and interesting ways the science and knowledge that is created at Montana State geared towards the lay population. PBS has expressed interested in integrating curriculum into K-12 programs. Curriculum development would be built into grant proposals. The program also has a 3-5 year review process. The Deans’ Council will undertake a discussion of Center designation guidelines and review processes. Lynda Ransdell moved to approve the center, Ilse-Mari Lee seconded, motion passed.
 - D. Faculty Handbook Grievance Policy: The policy was reviewed by JAGS and has returned to Deans’ Council unchanged. Leslie Taylor discussed that it is in the University’s best interest to allow for grievance of Tenure and Promotion standards as part of the process.

Brett Gunnink moved to accept the grievance policy, Nancy Cornwell seconded, motion passed.

IV. Information/Announcements

- A. Deans' Retreat Update: The dates have been set as August 12-13, 2015 at Bridger Bowl with a dinner and social at Provost Potvin's home one evening. Provost Potvin asked for the group to think about including time for the Department heads to attend and for agenda items. Items suggested:
- i. High level conversation about the changing nature of university funding
 - ii. Counseling Center training on suicide prevention (Department Heads) (2 hours)
 - iii. New tenure and promotion policies in draft form approved by JAGS and ready for Faculty Senate in the Fall.
 - iv. Human Resources discussing Graduate Student negotiations (Department Heads)
 - v. Discussion of New Hires, strengths of departments (New faculty orientation, Center for Faculty Excellence)
 - vi. Brainstorm and aspire to do the things you dream about doing (Department Heads)
 - vii. HR and Legal Council
 - viii. Student success plan for Fall semester (15 minutes)

V. Additional Topics

Meeting adjourned at: 2:27 pm

Please Note: Next Meeting May 12, 2015 President's Conference Room