**Research Council Minutes  
Thursday, May 5, 2016  
3:30pm – 5:00pm  
President’s Conference Room**

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| VOTING: | June, Ron | NON-VOTING: |
| ~~Reijo Pera, Renee~~ | ~~Kinion, Elizabeth~~ | ~~Hoo, Karlene~~ |
| ~~Arlitsch, Kenning~~ | Leary, Myleen✓ | VPSS rep: Mitchell, Jim✓ |
| Bekkerman, Anton✓ | Lipfert, Theo✓ | ~~Potvin, Martha~~ |
| Cloninger, Mary✓ | Peyton, Brent✓ | ~~Sheehan, Jerry~~ |
| Held, Suzanne✓ | Ragain, Melissa✓ | Mark Young✓ |
| Hilmer, Jonathan✓ | Walk, Seth✓ | Leslie Schmidt✓ |
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1. Call to Order

1. Approval of Minutes: April 7 meeting minutes - approved

1. Information/Announcements
2. Topics for Discussion

* Update on RED investments – Leslie Schmidt
  + - * RED invests approx. $10m a year in colleges and research – out of an annual budget of approx. $16m – through faculty startup packages, faculty retentions, faculty bridge funding, grant matching, etc.
* Space: approved guidelines working? not working? – Kathy Marcinko and Mark Young
  + - * RED office conducted a research space inventory and developed a database, including data, reports and photos that will help foster better utilization of space and locating space for new/future hires. Updates to the data will be through regular meetings/contact with department heads
      * Official Space Guidelines are posted and provide the process to follow when needing space
        1. http://www.montana.edu/smc/documents/approved-research-space-guidelines.pdf
      * VPRED is not interested in continuing off-campus leasing as the leases expire. The research space inventory will be beneficial in moving groups back to campus.
* Report on Strengthening Research and Scholarly Work – first draft for review
  + - * Three Presidential Task Forces:
        1. Work Load
        2. Graduate Education
        3. Strengthening Research and Scholarly Work
      * Task Force reports are due to President soon
      * Contact Renee Reijo Pera or Mark Young with any feedback on the draft SRSW report
* Autoclaves as a Core Facility – Kathy Marcinko
  + - * RED conducted an inventory of autoclaves on campus to consider a centralization of service contracts as a step to potentially making autoclaves a core facility – discussion on this potential change in beginning.

**Next Meeting is scheduled September 1, 2016, 3:30pm, President’s Conference room**