

**Research Council Minute**  
**Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019**  
**3:00pm – 5:00pm**  
**President's Conference Room**

Jason Carter	Alice Running	Jayne Morrow
Rollin Beamish	Craig Ogilvie	Chris Kearns/ Jim Mitchell
Mary Cloninger	Nicole Tuss	Leist, Terry
Ron June	Blake Wiedenheft	Robert Mokwa/ David Singel
Brent Peyton/Robin Gerlach	Carl Yeoman	Leslie Schmidt
Nic Rae	Colin Shaw	Jonathan Hilmer
William Ruff		

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## I. Call to Order

- Welcome and Introductions
  - Vice President Carter called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm. VP Carter and the Research Council members introduced themselves.
- Initial Observations and Research Task Force reports
  - VP Carter is using the first 90 days for listening and observation to guide action items to support the strategic plan. He has met with the Research Task Force and has meetings scheduled in October with the Graduate Education and Economic Development Research Task Force groups. The update report of three research task force will be shared with the committee subsequently.
- Feedback on Past and Future Role/Expectations for Research Council
  - Discussed the need for faculty senate representation on Research Council as well as including a member from Social Science, Humanities and Business.
  - VP Carter proposed reaching out to Research Council to establish sub-committees to review specific focus areas for this year. Key focus areas included 1) Core Facilities, 2) Large/Collaborative Grants, 3) Centers/Institutes, 4) Awards (including VPREDGE seed grants, professional society award nominations, etc), and 5) Graduate Research. He will be sending an e-mail asking people which areas they would like to participate in.
  - Provost Mokwa commented on recruiting and retaining graduate student are important and Research Council can play a key role in helping with this.
  - David Singel raised awareness of grant writing and relationship with Center for Teaching Excellence.
  - Research Council urged VP Carter to revisit Council composition, and to not be bound by current structure.
- REF and HASS awards – Aligning w/ Strategic Plan; Proposed Timeline
  - VP Carter proposed trying a no deadline submission process for some of the internal grant submissions, with a rapid response mechanism to communicate

- decisions made. Initial conversation regarding a Research Council subcommittee that could review.
- Nikki Tuss commented on need more time for reviewing REF and HASS awards.
- Emerging Priorities -- Core Facilities; Large/Collaborative Grants; Graduate Research; Clarity on C/Is
- VP Carter suggested discussion on how and what direction to support the Core Facilities
  - Mary Cloninger will provide Dr. Carter with the Core Facilities review that was conducted recently.
  - Discussion on how Centers and Institutes are continuously reviewed. There is a need for more consistent process, and better communication and clarity of what it means to be a Center/Institute.
  - Robin Gerlach will provide Dr. Carter with the Center/Institute review that was conducted within past few years.
  - Nic Rae proposed continued discussion on space management.
- Other and Future Items:
- Handouts on FY19 Research Expenditures
    - VP Carter suggested that he will be changing the methodology for tracking research expenditures to allow for more accurate “credit” for faculty/depts/colleges, particularly for those involved in interdisciplinary and institutional programs that benefit campus more broadly. This will result in reallocating the numbers that are currently included in University Programs on the Research Expenditure report to crediting department and college appropriately.
  - Foreign Influence Memo (coming soon and will be issued jointly with Provost Mokwa)
    - VP Carter is working with Provost Mokwa and legal on a memo regarding disclosure of foreign support. Templates from APLU and other organizations are being used to craft something tailored to MSU faculty. This will be sent in advance of the Annual Conflict of Interest and Report of Consulting Disclosure request.
  - Plan for VPREDGE Fiscal/Investment Transparency
    - VP Carter will be presenting VPREDGE budget and investment strategy for the strategic plan in forthcoming meeting.
  - 2020 Spring Convocation Ceremony / Research Council Selection Committees
    - Announcing on the Spring Convocation award is coming up; Research council will be a selecting committee to review candidates for the three research-related awards
  - Open Discussion and Feedback
    - Jayne Morrow shared information on National Lab Day will be held on October 8-9; Precision Agriculture work shop will be held on October 7 and November 22<sup>nd</sup>. And developing collaboration between MSU and Idaho National Lab
    - Robin Gerlach- suggested discussion on training grant for October Agenda.

**Next Research Council Meeting: October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 3:00 pm**

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