**University Council MINUTES**

**Wednesday, January 9, 2019**

**8:30 AM – 10:00 AM**

**SUB 233**

**Members:**

Waded Cruzado, Daniel Adams, Kenning Arlitsch, Michael Babcock, Taylor Blossom, Charles Boyer, Matt Caires, Leon Costello, Chris Dobbs, Ariel Donahue, Dan Edelman, Tracy Ellig, Chris Fastnow, Miley Gonzalez, Jeannette Grey-Gilbert, Brett Gunnink, Alison Harmon, Maggie Hayes, Robert Hawks, Bob Hietala, Karlene Hoo, James Joyce, Chris Kearns, Greg Kegel, Ilse-Mari Lee, Terry Leist, Erika Matsuda, Bob Mokwa, Chris Murray, Kim Obbink, Ramie Pederson, Kellie Peterson, Mark Ranalli, Renee Reijo Pera, Nicol Rae, Abbie Richards, Sarah Shannon, Jerry Sheehan, Royce Smith, Emily Stark, Dan Stevenson, Cody Stone, Susan Wolff

1. Call to Order

*Provost Bob Mokwa*

Provost Mokwa called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM.

1. Approval of Minutes for December 5, 2018

Michael Babcock motioned to approve the minutes; Royce Smith seconded; the minutes passed unanimously.

1. University Wide Information/Announcements

Provost Mokwa shared greetings from President Cruzado, who is attending the NWCCU Spring meeting, in her role as Commissioner.

Provost Mokwa then welcomed Jeannette Grey-Gilbert, MSU’s new Chief Human Resources Officer. He thanked Stephanie Pressley for her incredible work in the interim.

1. Public Comment

President Cruzado would like to offer an opportunity for public comment prior to hearing about the policies being voted upon, as well as an opportunity to provide comment after the votes have taken place. This is a new structure to the agenda.

Provost Mokwa offered the opportunity to provide public comment. There were no comments offered.

1. Old Items
   * + 1. Compensatory Time for Exempt Classified Employees

*Kellie Peterson, Legal Counsel*

Kellie Peterson reintroduced the Compensatory Time for Exempt Classified Employees policy, as it has been posted for 30 days for comments. Kellie recommended adoption as is written. Chris Fastnow moved to approve the policy; Terry Leist seconded, and the policy was approved unanimously.

1. New Items

A. Proposed Amendments to Facility Use Manual

*Kellie Peterson, Legal Counsel*

Kellie Peterson introduced new amendments to the Facility Use Manual that have evolved due to the revised Freedom of Speech policy. These new amendments manage the mechanics of an event. Matt Caires asked Mandy St. Aubyn to share how outdoor program requests are processed and she walked the Council through the process.

This policy will be posted for 30 days and will return in February for a vote.

B. Web Accessibility Policy

*Kellie Peterson, Legal Counsel*

Kellie Peterson introduced a new policy to MSU, the Web Accessibility Policy. This policy stems from MSU’s agreement with the Office of Civil Rights that the university will update our web pages to be accessibility to all handicaps and disabilities. This includes various requirements that can be provided by Brett Davis in University Communications. Chris Dobbs and Kenning Arlitsch mentioned the difficulty in making archival material accessible in some cases, thus Kellie asked that they sit down this month to understand those issues and make sure they are addressed in the policy.

Kellie encouraged feedback for the next 30 days, prior to the policy coming up for a vote in February.

C. Mission & Core Themes

*Tami Eitle, Associate Provost*

Tami Eitle shared MSU’s new mission and three core themes that will be presented to the Board of Regents (BOR) in March for approval. Upon BOR approval, this information will be shared with NWCCU, per our accreditation requirements.

**Montana State University Mission**

As the state’s land-grant university, Montana State integrates education, creation of knowledge and art, and service to communities.

**Montana State University Core Themes:**

1. Drive Transformational Learning Experiences Creating Outstanding Educational Outcomes for All Students
2. Improve Lives and Society through Research, Creativity and Scholarship
3. Expand Mutually Beneficial and Responsive Engagement for the Advancement of Montana.
4. Informational Items

A. Know Your MSU: Nurse Practitioners

*Peter Buerhaus, Professor, College of Nursing*

In a presentation, entitled “A Nearly Perfect Cycle”, Peter Buerhaus, Professor of Nursing and Director of the Center for Interdisciplinary Health Workforce Students, Professor Buerhaus shared his knowledge of his interactions with Congress regarding the changing polices that are affecting Nurse Practitioners across the country.

B. Strategic Plan Alignment Activities

*Chris Fastnow, Director, Office of Planning and Analysis*

Our new strategic plan, Choosing Promise, has gone into effect. Chris reiterated the three themes that Tami Eitle shared earlier in the meeting. She then shared the expectations of the strategic plan alignment for the university. A communication about this will be sent to campus this week.

1. Updates

Departmental updates were shared around the table.

1. Public Comment

**NOTE: The next University Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 6, 2019, from 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM.**