

Research Council Minutes

March 27, 2024
3:30pm – 5:00pm

President's Conference Room

VOTING:

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| Alison Harmon | Sreekala Bajwa |
| Mary Miles | Anna Tuttle |
| Mary Cloninger/Robert Walker | Nicole Tuss |
| Ron June | Blake Wiedenheft |
| Brent Peyton/Robin Gerlach | Carl Yeoman |
| Eric Austin | Elizabeth Olson |
| Molly Secor Turner | Michaela Johnson |
| Brian Gillespie | Amanda Haab |
| Michael Reidy | Greg Young |
| Colter Ellis | Jeff Heys |
| Darin Boss | Doralyn Rossmann |

NON-VOTING:

Craig Ogilvie
Steve Swinford
Terry Leist
Robert Mokwa/Durward Sobek
Sandra Sward
Ryan Knutson
Liz Shanahan
Becca Belou

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- Approval of February 2024 Minutes
 - Robin Gerlach moved to approve; Ron June seconded. The minutes were approved.
 - Introductions and news from the field (All)
 - Brian Bothner, INBRE Director, is seeking to hire a new Program Coordinator. (Ann Bertagnolli is retiring).
 - Welcome Becca Belou, Office of Planning and Analysis in joining the Research Council.
 - Introduce Mike Veselik, Director of Economic Development and Impact.
 - Equipment inventory update (Aaron Mitchell)
 - Capital asset inventory (cost \$5,000 or more)
 - Montana state policy requires us to verify Capitol assets every two years.
 - Ensure that all capital assets are tagged and verify location.
 - Need to be efficient in communicating with offices on how to keep track of records.
 - If you have any questions, reach out to Walt Bayless, who oversees property management, or Carmen Yupe.
 - Core Facility Highlight: Cryo-EM Facility (Martin Lawrence)
 - Becoming University Facility Core.
 - Looking for a part-time assistant facility manager
 - Recruiting a new cryo-EM faculty member.
 - Growth in academic user base.
 - Growth of commercial user base.

- Introduction to Mike Veselik, Director of Economic Development and Impact
 - Working on putting together the Economic Development Council.
 - The council will help draft some long-term goals.
 - Met with many people and consolidated what has been working on campus.
 - Will launch the Economic Development Council in the next fiscal year.

- Research Administration update (Sandy Sward)
 - MSU SAM.gov renewal doesn't expire until February 15th, 2025.
 - Working with Procurement to revise the Research Administration Software RFP.

- Research Development Updates (Liz Shanahan)
 - Use InfoReady to submit a request for the Institutional Support letter or Cost Share Request 2 weeks in advance. This will make it easy to track the requests.
 - A new third-party Funding search engine-GRANT FORWARD – will use your research interests to recommend grant opportunities that fit your research.
 - Daniel Grant will lead a workshop on March 28th, at 1:00 pm, at Renne Library Teaching Space to help scholars write compelling impact statements for grant proposals.
 - The Office of International Programs, in partnership with the Office of Research Development, invites Faculty and Professionals interested in hearing about Fullbright US Scholar Programs to Lunch and Learn on April 22nd, 2024.

- Research Compliance (Kirk Lubick)
 - Updated that the JRL Manager and the Biosafety officer were hired. We still need to fill the Service Centers Coordinator position.
 - Update on the Conflict of Interest Policy- modified on self-funding of research section; Need disclosure document for all the conflict.

- Undergraduate Research (Amanda Haab; Anna Tuttle)
 - Anna Tuttle is the new Director of Undergraduate Research, starting at the end of this semester.
 - April 25th undergraduate research celebration- over 120 students presenting poster sessions.
 - April 11th and 12th- Blackfeet Community College NSF- gathering of Native American Researchers and students across campus and various tribal colleges to learn and network.
 - The 2024 National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR) will be in Long Beach; 17 students will be attending 3-day conference.

- Graduate Research (Craig Ogilvie)
 - Asking for input from the Research Council on the survey of Department Heads and Graduate Coordinators:
 1. Starting PhD students early on their research
 2. Meeting with their committee every semester in the middle years—PhD students should meet once per semester, not once per year.
 3. Completing the GREAT form annually

4. If they complete their master's thesis at MSU, use that research as part of PhD dissertation.

- Other announcements and May Agenda items
 - InfoReady demonstration
 - Anna Tuttle will be brainstorming for the USP program.
 - Craig Ogilvie will continue to discuss a Graduate Research Survey.

RESEARCH EVENTS:

- MSU Student Research Celebration; April 25 10am-noon and 1pm-3pm; SUB Ballrooms
- A Celebration of MSU Research & Innovation, Friday May 3, 2024; Inspiration Hall
- Nominations portal for Everyday Heroes open! [Celebrating Research and Innovation - Office of Research & Economic Development | Montana State University](#)

Next Meeting: May 1, 2024 President's Conference Room