

Deans' Council

Minutes: May 14, 2013

1:30 – 3:00 pm

President's Conference Room

Martha Potvin
Kenning Arlitsch
Kregg Aytes
Matthew Cairnes
Nancy Cornwell

Brett Gunnink
Robert Hietala
Jeff Jacobsen
Ron Larsen
Tom McCoy

Helen Melland Ian Godwin
John Neumeier
Nicol Rae
Lynda Ransdell

I. Call to order

II. Approval of Minutes

Minutes unanimously approved as distributed.

III. Information/Announcements

A. Updates from other Councils – Deans' Council Representatives: None

- a. Appointment of Deans as Council representatives: The following assignments were made, effective July 1, 2013.

Budget Council > Nancy Cornwell

IT Council > Brett Gunnink

Outreach Council > Kregg Aytes

Planning Council > Nic Rae

Research Council > Kenning Arlitsch

Space Management > Bob Hietala

B. Education Advisory Board access – Martha Potvin: Postponed.

C. Martin Teintze – WWAMI Strategic Plan (10 minutes): WWAMI is Montana's medical school. Year One of the educational program occurs at six different sites, Year Two at the University of Washington Medical School and Years Three and Four across the states for clinicals. Montana was approved for 30 students by the 2013 Legislature. In FY2016, the curriculum is changing and the second year of education will occur at MSU for 60 students. Challenges include facilities and accreditation.

D. Academic Team – Martha Potvin: Would like the academic deans to meet several times during the summer for team building and issue discussion. Lisa will send potential dates.

IV. Items for Approval

A. Architecture Curriculum Change (Steve Juroszek): New accreditation criteria require 168 credits, 120 undergraduate credits and 42 graduate credits. Architecture faculty determined that six credits should be added to the undergraduate degree (a research course and a sustainability course, both 400 level). They are working on changing some additional required courses for electives. No new faculty resources are required. The new curriculum will take

effect Fall 2014. Motion to accept proposed changes (Cornwell, Aytes) was unanimously approved.

- B. Honors College (Ilse-Mari Lee): The program currently meets or exceeds Honors College standards. The request is essentially a name change with a slight budget adjustment. The Honors Program currently has 317 students with an average ACT score of 29.5; 135 Presidential Scholars are attending MSU. Motion to accept proposed changes (Gunnink, Cornwell) was unanimously approved.

V. Topics for Discussion:

- A. Council of Outreach and Engagement position paper – Nancy Cornwell: Paper’s goal is to help the MSU community understand what engagement is; it is not a policy. A lot of resources were consulted and research completed. Please review and provide feedback to Nancy in the near future.
- B. Environmental Health and Safety – Mary Cloninger: A committee was formed in 2011 to recognize, evaluate, and recommend controls of university environmental factors which might cause impaired health, wellbeing, efficiency or comfort. It guides and supports the work of the university’s Risk Management and Safety Department toward these goals. A draft policy was developed based on best practice procedures. It will be presented to University Council in September and voted on in October. Contact Mary Cloninger with any comments or feedback.
- C. Journal Subscription Costs – Kenning Arlitsch: Most of the Library’s collection budget (88%) is devoted to subscriptions (\$3.8M for journals). MSU subscribes to 15,516 journals (there are 28,000 peer-reviewed journals). The national movement is toward open access. In 2011, 17% of articles were open access. MSU is developing an institutional depository for scholarly publications to assure broad accessibility. Open access would have a cost at the beginning to have article access later.
- D. KPI Data Overview – Chris Fastnow (if time): Postponed

Next Meeting: TBD