

Deans' Council

Minutes: Tuesday, October 14, 2014

President's Conference Room

1:30 – 3:30 pm

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Martha Potvin x
Kenning Arlitsch x
Kregg Aytes x
Matthew Cairns x
Nancy Cornwell x
David Singel x
Shelley McKamey x

Glenn Duff x
Brett Gunnink x
Robert Hietala x
Karlene Hoo x
Ilse-Mari Lee x
Ronald Larsen x

Helen Melland
Michael Reidy x
Nicol Rae x
Lynda Ransdell x
Renee Reijo Pera x
Martin Teintze x

Other participants: Chris Fastnow, Megan Bergestdt, Kim Obbink, David DiMaria, Jerry Sheehan, Jeff Bader, Terry Leist

I. Call to order:

II. Approval of Minutes:

III. Topics for Discussion:

- A. Becky Mahurin: APLU – Innovation and Economic Prosperity University Designation
 - i. Becky introduced that a new Carnegie designation is being developed. The proposal will be centered around Talent: Students, Innovation: Technology as well as creativity, entrepreneurship, athletics and arts. The application deadline is May 1, 2015. Asking for input regarding committee recommendations for a steering committee to assist Becky and Chris Fastnow. Volunteer suggestions: Kregg Aytes, Meta Newhouse, Carina Beck (advisors, Karlene Hoo, Nancy Cornwell)
- B. Jerry Sheehan: Dean's Views of Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats (SWOT) to MSU IT Infrastructure and Services:
 - i. Jerry would like to start a capability conversation to assess where we are and where we would like to be. Current head count of 65. Looking at the administrative systems that need to touch Banner. Program management office is responsible for managing Banner functions. Inside of ITC the system secure is managed by 3 people completing that function for all of campus. Supports the core infrastructure that helps campus function. Core capability of providing support for instruction technology. Grading and evaluations are also completed through ITC as well support of student software. Hardware and software support is also a function of ITC. Research cyber-infrastructure focused on small computing clusters within campus. 150 approximately throughout campus supporting computing enterprise.
 - 1. How do you as a Dean look at the enterprise infrastructure at MSU?
 - a. Technology we are not up to speed, technology wise and staffing resources ITC is insufficient.

- b. Lack on intranet, migration to Office 365, single sign on support, content management system, and inventory control system that is consistent.
 - c. ResNet capability has increased, appreciate the support.
 - 2. Improve one thing: Electronic workflow, mail management, Banner request, off site IT, storage for 4K, eliminate department servers, pull centrally, offsite wireless, PMO, outlook system is clunky, spam, D2L, voicemail integration with outlook, plan for students to bring own devices, complete projects, banner, off campus support, data governance, off campus support, help desk on Saturdays in the Library.
- C. Walt Banziger, Randy Stephens, Sam J. Des Jardins: Interdisciplinary Collaborations for the Norm Asbjornson Innovation Center
 - i. Mr. Asbjornson has given a generous donation of \$50 million dollars for Norm Asbjornson Innovation Center. A&E Architects out of Billings partnered with several engineering and contracting firms. Walt reviewed the project organizational structure. Goal is to complete the building by spring 2016 with parking finalized by last 2016. The programming work plan is planned for a December completion.
 - 1. Site strategies developed:
 - a. Host performance events, integrate with Hall, connect to the larger campus: Parking: Physical connection to adjacent buildings, multi-modal transportation hub, way for finding strategies, covered bike storage, connection to campus
 - b. Presentation Hall: need additional venue for performance events; interdisciplinary bridge between hard sciences and the arts; campus recourse; accommodate performance events for 400-750 people ability to hold small conference, break out spaces.
 - 2. Site Strategies:
 - a. Walkable streets; Adjacent to SUB and ePS; Gateway to university; Encourage vehicular traffic; Accommodation of service requirements; Garage – 600 cars, 200 car increase on site.
 - 3. Project goals
 - a. Bring together disciplines from all colleges; Super collaborator – maximize interactions; Building as a teaching tool; Catalyst for innovation; Engineering playground; Quality environment; Plan and pathway to exemplary sustainable; Inside-outside connections; Campus gateway; Outreach + entrepreneurship; Montana sense of pride; Longevity
 - 4. Align building with pedagogy
 - 5. Current design direction for the building committee: Programming of spaces; Development of concepts
- D. Martha Potvin: Constitution Day: Will be presented at the next meeting.

IV. Information/Announcements

- A. Rob Irizarry: Blackstone Launchpad Update

- i. Rob provided an overview of Blackstone Launchpad which assists students who want to explore entrepreneurship as a career option. Started grassroots from student side would like to come the other way from faculty. Efforts of the Launchpad to date has been focused on outreach to students and Rob is working to now include faculty so that connections to students can be advanced.
- B. Michael Reidy: Strategic Plan and the NWCCU Accreditation Visit (10 minutes)
- C. David DiMaria: Update from International Programs
 - i. David provided an update on the projects that are currently underway in OIP, inventory of study abroad programs. Two new world rankings have emerged; LinkedIn University rankings and US News and World Reports 2015 Best Global Universities Rankings. Student recruitment and university partnerships, Brazil students at MSU are predominately STEM. Great year to take advantage of Ambassador Baucus in China. India continues to be strong. Saudi Arabia approximate investment of 27 billion in higher education.
- D. Program Plan: Finalized.
- E. Ph.D. in Education: Lynda Ransdell presented an overview of the degree. The voting members of the Dean's Council voted Gregg Aytes moved to approve, Matt Cairns seconded, all voted yes.
- F. Renee Rejo-Pera: Discussed the value of senior highs and it will be reflected in the investment from the VPR office for start-up.
- G. Jerry Sheehan: Discussed information related to malicious email that is currently being circulated.

Meeting adjourned at:

Please Note: Next Meeting: Monday, November 10, 1:30-3:30pm; Bradley Conference Room, Wilson Hall