

**Research Council Minutes**  
**Thursday, September 4, 2014**  
**2:00-3:00 p.m.**  
**Hamilton Hall, room 214**

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- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Minutes: July 17, 2014 meeting minutes – approved.
- III. Information/Announcements
  - Visitors to MSU: Frances Collins – NSF and Tom Armstrong – US Global Climate Change Program
    - Meet with scientists researchers
    - Lunch with Junior Faculty
    - Give presentation at seminar
    - Would like to invite DoD and DoE contacts
    - Invite - Barbara Kinney, NSF engineering
    - Invite - NSF MRI Director
    - Need someone to plan the research seminars, including visitors
- IV. Topics for Discussion
  1. Public access to research space allocation via AdAstra – benefits / objections
  2. Research space policy
    - Draft previous efforts – starting point
    - MSU has space on campus – do not need to remodel so much – we should not have entered into the many long-term leases – space west of 19<sup>th</sup> is not that far
    - How do we use our current space appropriately and efficiently?
    - What are the most viable neighborhoods? Best arrange space
    - Identify space that is “held” by faculty that they do not truly need? How do you incentivize faculty?

- Model #1: require a certain funding level a PI needs to bring in order to have “x” number of square footage, ex: \$100K for 1,000 sq. ft.
  - Model #2: a percentage of F&A is taken off top and given to Department Heads; less space, then less F&A funds are taken off the top
  - How do we define “research” space? Who is in control of “research” space? What criteria is used to assign space?
  - Will complete a space inventory that will help track who decides space assignments and when a research space vacancy occurs, then that space will be vetted through VPR and/or Research Council for future assignment
    1. Need to ensure that space is not a limiting factor to success
  - Policy is necessary for research space assignments and links research and teaching
    1. Historically:
      1. Departmental level, handled by department
      2. College level, handled by Dean
      3. Cross College level, VPR handled decisions
  - Funding, publications or discipline appropriate disseminations
  - GOAL:
    1. By October Research Council meetings, have a research policy draft to provide to Space Management Committee of Research Council’s ideal policy
    2. end of December, 2014, have a space policy adopted
3. Research Expansion Awards – as of September 1, 2014
- List of 14 proposals have been funded
  - More Research Expansion proposals will be invited for presentations this Fall – date to be determined
  - Dr. Reijo Pera continues to work on seeking private sources of funding for many more of the expansion proposals

**Next Meeting: Thursday, September 25, 2014, @ 2:00pm, 214 Hamilton Hall**