

**University Council Minutes**  
**Wednesday, February 1, 2012**  
**8:30 - 10:00 am**  
**SUB 233**

Larry Baker, Blake Bjornson, Matt Caires, Dennis Defa, Joe Fedock, Peter Fields, Carl Fox, Jeff Jacobsen, Marvin Lansverk, Bob Lashaway, Terry Leist, Diane Letendre, Jim Limbaugh, Paula Lutz, Robert Marley, Tom McCoy, Shelley McKamey, Tamara Miller, Martha Potvin, Jim Rimpau, Doug Steele, Michael Stevenson, Leslie Taylor, Kevin Thane, Jeanne Wilkinson, Allen Yarnell

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I. Call to Order

Provost Potvin called the meeting to order.

II. Approval of Minutes of January 4, 2012

The minutes were approved as submitted.

III. University Wide Information/ Announcements

There were no announcements

IV. New Items

A. Student Athletic Code of Conduct

Matt Caires, Dean of Students  
Leslie Taylor, University Legal Counsel

Dean Caires and Legal Counsel Taylor discussed the revision to the policy provides language that subjects student athletes to the same code of conduct as other students.

V. Old Items

A. Proposed Freedom of Express Policy Revision

Leslie Taylor, University Legal Counsel

Legal Counsel Leslie Taylor discussed the Proposed Freedom of Expression Policy Revision and stated no comments were received.

The vote was unanimous to approve the Proposed Freedom of Expression Policy Revision.

B. Revisions to Non-Discrimination Policy  
Leslie Taylor, University Legal Counsel

Legal Counsel Leslie Taylor discussed the Revision to the Non-Discrimination Policy and stated no comments were received.

The vote was unanimous to approve the Revision to Non-Discrimination Policy.

C. Annual Inventory Policy  
Leslie Taylor, University Legal Counsel

Legal Counsel Leslie Taylor discussed the Annual Inventory Policy and stated she had received a question on which departments the policy pertains to. The policy pertains only to departments that have resale inventory. The first line of the policy has been changed. The word "periodic" has been replaced with "yearly."

The vote was unanimous to approve the Annual Inventory Policy.

D. Property Management Procedures Manual  
Leslie Taylor, University Legal Counsel

Legal Counsel Leslie Taylor discussed the Property Management Procedures Manual and stated no comments were received.

The vote was unanimous to approve the Property Management Procedures Manual.

VI. Information Items

A. Strategic Plan Update  
Jim Rimpau, Vice President for Planning

Vice President Rimpau announced there will be a Strategic Planning Feedback Session on Wednesday, February 8 from Noon-6:00 pm in SUB Ballroom B. Please encourage everyone to participate in this very important process.

B. Core Themes  
Ron Larsen, Associate Provost

Associate Provost Larsen provided a handout and briefly discussed Montana State University's core themes.

## VII. Updates

Faculty Senate Chair Marvin Lansverk announced Faculty Senate had a meaningful discussion regarding Gallatin College Programs at their last meeting. Chair Lansverk attended the January Board of Regents meeting and communicated to the Regents the faculty critique of the Commissioner hiring process. Faculty Senate continues to work on reorganizing curriculum. Interim Director of Faculty Development Marilyn Lockhart will attend Faculty Senate today to provide an update on faculty development.

Professional Council Chair Jeanne Wilkinson announced there will be a professional development opportunity on February 7 and Toastmasters will be hosting a demonstration of their organization on February 14.

Staff Senate Chair Kevin Thane announced there will be a Regents subcommittee and focus group meeting on compensation, Wednesday, February 15. Staff Senate is updating the MSU & Community document and will be surveying staff to learn about individuals that hold two jobs.

ASMSU President Blake Bjornson announced election campaigns have begun. This year there are four groups of two students running for President and Vice President. Elections will be held February 22 and 23. ASMSU's budget process, which is a three to four month process, has begun.

Vice President Doug Steele announced Tom Calcagni is conducting focus groups across the state. Working groups on leadership and engagement are being formed. These working groups will potentially lead to a Council on Engagement and Leadership. MSU will be hosting a legislative subcommittee focusing on natural resources on February 7 and 8 in SUB Ballroom B.

Chancellor Jim Limbaugh thanked everyone for their assistance to MSU-Northern. MSU-Northern is completing their visioning process. A section of the MSU-N website will be identified to allow input from the community at large. Last week Chancellor Limbaugh visited MSU-Great Falls and two tribal colleges. MSU-Northern just received a \$1 million grant for biodiesel fuels from the U.S. Commerce Department's Economic Development. The men's basketball team is ranked in the top ten of the NAIA.

Foundation President Michael Stevenson thanked everyone for providing schedules of events to invite constituents back to campus. The Alumni Foundation Great Room is being used for displacement of staff and will not be available for use until fall. The Alumni Foundation is searching for three development positions, a program specialist and a chief fiscal officer.

Vice President Tom McCoy announced the Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences External Advisory Committee will be meeting on campus Thursday and Friday of this week. Everyone is invited to attend.

Provost Martha Potvin announced on February 14 MSU will host a Montana University System leadership meeting.

AFMSU President (TT) Sandy Osborne announced the Collective Bargaining Agreement Implementation Plan has had some challenges. She encouraged everyone to communicate with her on questions or concerns.

Affirmative Action Director Diane Letendre announced the “friendly reminders” to complete the Discrimination and Harassment Training have been very successful. She also encouraged everyone to attend the Performance Evaluation training.

Dean Matt Caires stated MSU wants to learn and refine our processes from the University of Montana investigation into sexual assaults.

Athletic Director Peter Fields announced the interviews for volleyball coach are going very well. MSU will host UM on Saturday at 2:00 pm for women’s basketball and 7:00 pm for men’s basketball. Our track team is currently on the road competing and football National Signing Day is today.

Associate Vice President Bob Lashaway announced planning meetings are being held today and tomorrow for the College of Business building.

Dean Joseph Fedock announced the President’s Fine Art Series will be holding several events in March. March 20 is the signature event, “Miss Representation” by Jennifer Siebel Newsom.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 am.

## VIII. Public Comment

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 7, 8:30 am, SUB 233