

University Council Minutes
October 1, 2025
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM
SUB, Alumni Legacy Lounge

Members:

Brock Tessman, Dean Adams, Fran Albrecht, Justin Arndt, Richard Badenhausen, Sreekala Bajwa, Mike Becker, Matt Caires, Leon Costello, Chris Dobbs, Stephanie Erdmann, Stephanie Gray, Jeannette Grey Gilbert, Brian Gillespie, Brett Gunnink, Alison Harmon, Debbie Haynes, Stefani Hicswa, John How, Greg Kegel, Ryan Knutson, Chere LeClair, Kayla Lee, Terry Leist, Rob Maher, Bob Mokwa, Sally Mudiamu, Doralyn Rossmann, Tricia Seifert, Steve Swinford, Kim Obbink, Kellie Peterson, Sarah Shannon, Cody Stone, Will Thomas, James Tobin, Lenny Triem, Brad White

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 8:32am

II. Approval of Minutes for September 3, 2025

*Motion to approve by Dean Adams
Second by Chris Dobbs
Unanimous Approval*

III. University Wide Information/ Announcements

*Homecoming week last week – lots of good events
September BOR in Butte – successful meeting
Budget, AI
Secretary of Education and Governor Gianforte visit to MSU
Government Shutdown – business as usual right now*

IV. Public Comment

No public comment

V. Old Items

a. Animals On Campus

Jennifer Glad, Associate Legal Counsel

*Jennifer presented an update on where the policy is
Provost Mokwa asked for consideration to include Department Head when there is an issue in a classroom.
Provost Mokwa asked to add, In consultation with Provost or Dean when UPD or ODS is involved in removal of animal from classroom
Provost Mokwa asked for the 2-day window to be discussed and/or expanded for review at the VP level*

Friendly amendment – on section (Temporary Dismissal) – instructor must notify ODS and DOS – add department head or director

Friendly amendment – Only the Director of ODS or UPD has authority to permanently to remove – add upon consultation with Department Head or Director

Friendly amendment – change appeal timeline from 2 days to 5 days

Jennifer approved all three Friendly amendments above

Motion to approve friendly amendments – Provost Mokwa

Second by Cody Stone

No opposition to the friendly amendments

Suggestion to point campus to the policy and familiarize themselves with the policy

Motion to approve policy by Mike Becker

Second by Will Thomas

Unanimous Approval

VI. New Items

a. Research Misconduct Policy

Kirk Lubick, Associate Vice President, Research Integrity & Compliance

Kirk presented an overview of the policy revisions

Will bring it back in 30 days

VII. Informational Items

a. Great Falls College MSU Presentation

Stephanie Erdmann, Dean, Great Falls College MSU

Made a presentation about GFCMSU

VIII. Updates

IX. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 10:03 AM

NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2025 @ 8:30AM, SUB

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