

Research Council Minutes
Thursday, November 7, 2013
2:00-3:00 p.m.
214 Hamilton Hall

Camper, Anne	Idzerda, Yves	Peyton, Brent
Babbitt, Randy	June, Ron	Ragain, Melissa
Bird, Elizabeth	Larsson, Laura	Whitlock, Cathy
Christopher, Suzanne	Leary, Myleen	Larsen, Ron
Cloninger, Mary	Arlitsch, Kenning	Marley, Robert
	Maher, Robert	Potvin, Martha

I. Call to Order 2:05 p.m.

II. Minutes from 10-24-13 approved unanimously.

III. Information/Announcements

- Limited Submissions
 - The proposed Limited Submissions Policy can be found at: <http://www.montana.edu/legalcounsel/proposedPolicies.html>
 - Members were asked to review the policy and submit comments to Legal.
 - Vote will be taken at next University Council meeting.
 - Note: OSP sends announcements of limited submissions opportunities to all faculty.

IV. Topics Discussed

- RATF Memo
 - Q/A re: Savings and University Reserves
 - Deans and Dept Heads should work towards facilitating faculty retention
 - RC Members need to help increase the outlook and mood across campus
 - Disc. re: submission period for requests for financial support to VPR and more planning, criteria for commitments
 - Discussion on hiring and impact on startup funds
- Charge for RC for FY15/16 and Beyond – Focus on
 - What to invest in to promote research
 - Strategies to use – both revenue generating and cost saving
 - Infrastructure that will facilitate grant submission
 - Goal: to increase the ability of MSU faculty to be successful
- Ideas re: increasing grant submissions

- Support staff for grant writing/submission
 - Hired by individual Colleges
 - Specialized by funding agency – not clear who hires in this scenario
 - Provided by Centers/Institutes
 - College of Arts/Architecture share support staff with CLS humanities depts. – focus on private donors
- Mentoring fellowship – supplemental pay for grant active faculty to mentor specific other faculty members
- Provide TAs to faculty who have increased teaching loads in order for free up time for them to write grants
- Most important to free up time for faculty to write grants – reduce/change advising loads/structure, help with increased teaching loads

V.Goals for next meeting:

- Continue discussion re: possibilities for grant writing support on campus.
- Begin focusing on and discussing strategies for increasing grant activity FY15 and beyond

Next Meeting: Thursday, Nov 21, 2013, 3:00-4:00 p.m. 214 Hamilton Hall