



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY

University Council Minutes

October 7, 2026 | 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM | SUB, Alumni Legacy Lounge

Members:

President Brock Tessman, Dean Adams, Fran Albrecht, Justin Arndt, Richard Badenhausen, Sreekala Bajwa, Mike Becker, Jennifer Brown, Beth Burroughs, Matt Caires, Leon Costello, Doug Downs, Christine Foreman, Leanne Frost, Stephanie Gray, Jeannette Grey Gilbert, Brian Gillespie, Alison Harmon, Stefani Hicswa, Emma Hoegh, John How, Ryan Knutson, Chere LeClair, Terry Leist, Matthew Lovern, Sally Mudiamu, Kim Obbink, Kellie Peterson, Doralyn Rossmann, Tricia Seifert, Sarah Shannon, Cody Stone, Steve Swinford, Will Thomas, James Tobin, Brad White, Scott Williams, Ben Wilson

Members Absent: President Brock Tessman, Dean Adams, Sreekala Bajwa, Jennifer Brown, Leon Costello, Leanne Frost, Jeannette Grey Gilbert, Chere LeClair, Sally Mudiamu, Sarah Shannon, James Tobin, Scott Williams, Ben Wilson

Provost Beth Burroughs presided over the meeting.

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 8:30am

II. Approval of Minutes for September 2, 2026

*Motion to approve by John How
Second by Fran Albrecht
Unanimous Approval*

III. University Wide Information/Announcements

*Strategic Plan Project Board Update
Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost Search Update*

IV. Public Comment (30 minutes)

*Kristen Smith – Community Member/Neighbor – Fraternity Issue
Ryan Smith – Community Member/Neighbor – Fraternity Issue*

V. Old Items

a. **Student Accommodations and Appeal Policy**

*Wendy Guido, Director, Disability Services
Jennifer Glad, Associate Legal Counsel*

*Motion to approve made by Terry Leist
Second by John How*

Unanimous Approval

b. Personal Care Attendant Policy

Wendy Guido, Director, Disability Services]

Jennifer Glad, Associate Legal Counsel

Motion to approve by Mike Becker

Second by Steve Swinford

Unanimous Approval

VI. New Items

a. University Sponsored Program for Children and Youth Policy

Justin Arndt, Chief Compliance Officer, University Compliance

VII. Informational Items

a. MSU Billings Presentation

Stefani Hicswa, Chancellor, MSU Billings

VIII. Updates

October 7th- CLS Distinguished Professor Lecture- Dr. Brian Bothner

Week of October 7th- National 4-H week

October 12th – MRJCON Kalispell

October 13th- MRJCON Missoula

Week of October 19th- Extension Annual Conference

Week of October 19th – Parent and Family Weekend

October 22nd- Dyslectic Symposium

Week of October 26th- Celebrate Ag Week

Week of October 26th - Case Conference

October 29th – Jessie Diggins speaking

October 31st – PSA will follow for safe celebrations

November 3rd- Provost Distinguished Lecturer- Dr. Jason Bolte

November 9th- Core Facilities and Institutes Day

JJCBE- Higher enrollment than any combination of MUS Business Colleges combined

October is Cyber Security Month

Cold Weather advisory for this weekend

Digital Accessibility committee has developed training and resources for all

Faculty senate – full agenda with digital accessibility, Q-Core Center approval, standing invite to contact Chair for information items

Enterprise- encourage employees to purchase additional insurance

IX. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:34am