

Advisory Council Minutes

Date: September 28, 2023

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Present: Gregory D. Kegel, Jennifer Brown, Carol Reifschneider, Corey Kopp, Beth Durodoye, Carmen Lunak, Christian Oberquell, Jaime Duke, Jodi Kueffler, Johnna Antonich, Joseph Todd, Linda Osterman, Lourdes Caven, Marianne Hoppe, Steven Don, Valerie Hickman, Valerie Guyant

August 31, 2023 Minutes

A motion was made to accept the minutes as presented. Said motion was seconded and carried.

Policy Review

Policy #410 Absence from Commencement

Chancellor Greg Kegel presented Policy #410 Absence from Commencement, which updated review dates and removed specific criteria for excusal. Following discussion, a motion was made to accept the revised policy. Said motion was seconded and carried.

Policy #1001 General Campus Conduct

Chancellor Kegel presented Policy #1001 General Campus Conduct, which updated review dates and removed references. Following discussion, a motion was made to accept the revised policy. Said motion was seconded and carried.

Updates/Announcements

Chancellor Kegel reminded everyone Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities will be on campus next week for their visit.

Chancellor Kegel shared that Homecoming is this week with a lot of planned activities including the football game on Saturday.

Chancellor Kegel shared he will be in Bozeman next week for a meeting on the Long-Range Building Plan and reviewed how the process works.

Chancellor Kegel shared the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education (OCHE) is working with each flagship campus on restructuring information technology services across the Montana University System.

Chancellor Kegel updated everyone on the Aurora Complex timeline with the current expected completion date of 2029. There is ongoing discussion with OCHE on how to move this timeline forward.

Chancellor Kegel announced he is in discussion with OCHE on their plans to move Montana Motorcycle Rider Safety (MMRS) to Helena.

Chancellor Kegel reported the fall enrollment numbers are not as high as we would like, so we will be looking at new ways to attract and retain students.

Provost Jennifer Brown reminded everyone the program review due date is October 6, 2023.

Dr. Valerie Guyant reported Academic Senate had their first meeting for the semester.

Ms. Johnna Antonich shared the numbers in Accessibility Services are increasing with an average of three students a week requiring assistance.

Ms. Carmen Lunak reported Student Support Services continues to provide support by making sure higher education is accessible for all students.

Dr. Joseph Todd reported faculty program assessment should be completed this week. Faculty are excited for TekNoXpo and ShowCASE coming up in October.

Ms. Lourdes Caven shared she is reviewing new student scholarships to use as a recruiting tool.

Ms. Valerie Hickman announced there would be a candidate on campus on Monday for the position of Director of Library.

Interim Dean Jaime Duke advised the Montana Nurses Association is helping with the Transition to Practice Workshop for Level II nursing students. This will be held on campus in February with Aaniih Nakoda College joining and possibly Blackfeet Community College.

Dean Beth Durodoye shared on September 12th a group met with representatives from Stone Child College to finalize an articulation agreement in Criminal Justice.

Dean Corey Kopp reported the Annual Security Report (ASR) is due October 1, 2023.

Mr. Steven Don reported TekNoXpo is coming up and in the past, we have had 300 students attend.

Mr. Christian Oberquell shared the Association of Student Athletes had their first meeting last night. This group is made up of a couple leaders from each team who take part in different activities such as highway clean-up and annual Trunk or Treat.

Ms. Marianne Hoppe reminded everyone there are still a few people who have not taken the cyber security training. She also clarified that adjuncts are expected to take this training.

Chancellor Kegel announced the Board of Regents is looking for applicants to serve as a student regent for the next year. This is a great opportunity for any student who is interested in serving.

Next Meeting: October 26, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 5:03 p.m.