



MONTANA
STATE UNIVERSITY
BILLINGS

Chancellor's Cabinet Meeting Minutes
October 17, 2023

In Attendance: Chancellor Stefani Hicswa, Natalie Preston, Paula Highlander, Jen Lynn, Sep Eskandari, Brandon Irby, Kathleen Thatcher, Kim Hayworth, Ann Allen (guest)

Absent: Mike Bazemore, Leslie Weldon, Krista Montague, Kathy Kotecki

Meeting began at 2:00 p.m.

Water Main Update

Water service has been restored to campus and water is safe for consumption. Interim Facilities Director Justin Rife worked well with community partners to address and mitigate the situation quickly.

LRBP Presentation

Chancellor Hicswa, Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance Leslie Weldon, and Justin Rife traveled to MSU in Bozeman to present Long Range Building Plan requests. MSUB priorities will be submitted on MSUB's behalf by MSU President Cruzado to the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education, who will then work with the Governor's office, from which funding will be requested from the legislature.

2024 Budget

Chancellor Hicswa is working closely with Vice Chancellor Weldon to proactively plan the budget so that MSUB operates within its anticipated revenue, thus eliminating withdrawal from reserves.

Alcohol Policy Draft

A revised draft of the Alcohol Policy was presented. Discussion followed. The policy draft will be discussed further during the next Chancellor's Cabinet meeting.

Ruffalo Noel Levitz Market Analysis

Guest Ann Allen, Senior Consultant from Ruffalo Noel Levitz presented on three key metrics for MSUB: headcount, revenue, and discount rate. Discussion followed regarding tracking the performance of the Yellowjacket Excellence Award scholarship, which is renewable for four years.

Meeting concluded at 4:00 p.m.