# ACADEMIC SENATE RETREAT MINUTES

DATE: August 25, 2014

PRESENT: Patricia Vettel-Becker, A.J. Otjen, Cindy Dell, Susan Gilbertz, Jim Barron, Debra Johnson, Kelly Shumway, Bruce Brumley, Francisco Saldivar

ABSENT: Scott Murray*, Paul Pope*

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GUESTS: Mark Pagano, Mark Nook

PRESIDING: Bruce Brumley, Chair

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Mr. Brumley introduced Mark Nook, new Chancellor, and thanked Provost Mark Pagano for providing lunch.

Chancellor Nook discussed his history in academic leadership and his goals for MSU Billings, which include fundraising for Yellowstone Hall, recruiting students for our graduate degree programs, continuing growth in online offerings, forming the strategic planning committee to review our progress, and formation of a new student success group that involves both student affairs and faculty.

Provost Pagano discussed the future of program prioritization; the new TEAL (Technology Enhanced Active Learning) classroom; professional development funds and additional CARE funds for this year; the move of the professional staff in the Academic Support Center to faculty positions at City College, including a new department at City College which will go for BOR approval; administrator evaluations in the works; growth in undergraduate research; dual enrollment; and reminded the faculty of the Provost Forums on Thursdays at a new time, 10:30 a.m.

Other Senate discussion included Common Course Numbering errors, curriculum discussion at Senate meetings, issues with approval vs. review, offering of workshops and seminars multiple times, and current vacancies on the Senate.

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