Approval of Agenda and Minutes

The Faculty Senate of Michigan State University held a regular meeting on Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at 3:15 p.m. via Zoom with Chairperson Karen Kelly-Blake presiding. The agenda was approved as presented. The draft minutes of the March 15, 2022 meeting were approved as presented. 

Remarks

President Samuel L. Stanley Jr. (via pre-recorded video)

President Stanley gave an update regarding financial hardships sustained during the pandemic. The president stated, “I value your voices, and I’ve tried to respond in good faith to your concerns.” He thanked faculty for all of their work. He stated that moving forward, he would consider all aspects of the university’s financial health.

Provost Teresa K. Woodruff (via pre-recorded video)

Provost Woodruff thanked members of Faculty Senate for working hard this academic year on issues that included the budget proposal. She also expressed her support for the proposed revisions to the emeritus status policy.

Executive Vice President for Health Sciences Norman J. Beauchamp Jr.

EVPHS Beauchamp reflected on the death of Patrick Lyoya and thanked Dean Aron Sousa for the support he had shown students following Lyoya’s death. He also thanked Senator Jack Lipton and others who worked on the Early Detection Program throughout the pandemic. He announced that the College of Nursing is starting a nurse practitioner family medicine clinic, saying that he was “really proud of the college and their focus.”

He also shared that the College of Osteopathic Medicine matched 99% of its graduates, with 75% of students matching within the state of Michigan. He congratulated all of the students graduating this academic year.

Faculty Senate Chairperson Karen Kelly-Blake

Chairperson Kelly-Blake gave an update on the previously sent out caregiving survey. She noted that task force received responses from every college/unit on campus and indicated that a report summarizing the responses would be sent out at a future date.

The chairperson warned Faculty Senate members that summer meetings might be needed and stressed that additional work needed to before the year was over, including responding to various surveys the Office of Academic Governance would be sending out shortly.

Chairperson Kelly-Blake also reflected on the death of Patrick Lyoya and its effect the MSU and Black communities, saying, “As an institution of higher education with deep roots in the Grand Rapids community and a top-notch School of Criminal Justice, we are uniquely positioned to educate our communities about oppressions, activate and engage in protests, explain the need for redress, and demand justice for those killed by the criminal legal system.”

Budget for Next Fiscal Year

Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, and Treasurer Lisa Frace gave a presentation on the upcoming 2022–2023 budget. She said that her office continued to meet with academic units and would do so until mid-May. She also noted the General Fund deficit had not yet been fully resolved. She explained that new student enrollment trends seemed positive but that many new enrollees were Michigan residents which has negative budgetary impacts.

CFO Frace gave a brief overview of the status of state appropriations and funding sources, stating that there would be a more complete understanding of potential appropriations when the State Senate released its budget plans. Questions and answers followed.

Annual University Committee on Faculty Affairs Raise Recommendation

University Committee on Faculty Affairs Chairperson Mick Fulton moved that the Faculty Senate endorse UCFA’s [raise recommendation letter](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1lXA0lnrkdlMT9mXs6ZJeHE2tuWmG72Ix/view). UCFA Budget Subcommittee Chairperson Matthew Comstock gave a brief overview of the letter, explaining that UCFA had requested of a 10% raise, with 8% to be based on merit and 2% allocated for the Excellence and Equity Pool (formerly the “Market Pool”). The motion was adopted following debate.

University Committee on Curriculum Reports

Monthly Report

University Committee on Curriculum Chairperson Marci Mechtel gave a report on this month’s actions from UCC. The committee approved five new programs, eighteen program changes, and two program deletions. UCC also approved 47 new courses, 115 course changes, six course deletions, and two program discontinuations.

Annual Report

UCC Chairperson Mechtel gave an overview of the committee and how it is structured, including its three subcommittees. She also gave an update of the committee’s accomplishments this academic year including: the approval of eighteen new programs, 156 program changes, 212 new courses, 420 course changes, 47 course deletions, six program discontinuations, and seven moratoriums. UCC also endorsed a proposal for undergraduate certificates.

Revisions to the Emeritus Status Policy

UCFA Chairperson Mick Fulton moved to endorse the [proposed changes to the emeritus status policy](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1HS2EDhil3-FCiLBcAx2DSwqE3zStugih/view). The main amendments involved updating the policy name to the gender-neutral term “emeritum” and creating a process by which emeritum status would need to be affirmatively granted for each recipient rather than automatically granted, as it is now. Following debate, the motion was adopted.

Fall Semester 2022 Meeting Modality

The Faculty Senate discussed whether to hold its Fall Semester 2022 meetings by Zoom, in person, or a hybrid of the two, as well as whether to hold off on deciding until the first (virtual) meeting of the next session. Following debate, a majority of the Senate voted to meet virtually.

Possibility of Summer Meetings

Secretary Silvestri requested that senators decide whether to hold special meetings during the summer. Following debate, the Faculty Senate declined to meet in the summer.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.



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Tyler Silvestri
Secretary for Academic Governance

Approved: September 20, 2022

| **Attendance** |
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| **Present** | 64 |
| **Absent** | 9 |
| **Total** | 73 |
| **Quorum** | 38 |

| **Constituency/Title** | **Name**  | **Attendance** |
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| Academic Specialists | Grace Pregent | Present  |
| Agriculture and Natural Resources | Brian Teppen | Present  |
| Agriculture and Natural Resources | Satish Joshi | Present  |
| Agriculture and Natural Resources | Sinem Mollaoglu | Present  |
| Agriculture and Natural Resources | Brian Roth | Absent  |
| Agriculture and Natural Resources | Dana Kirk | Absent  |
| Arts and Letters | Brahim Chakrani | Present  |
| Arts and Letters | Bump Halbritter | Present  |
| Arts and Letters | Danielle DeVoss | Present  |
| Arts and Letters | Juliet Guzzetta | Present  |
| Arts and Letters | Sandra Logan | Present  |
| At Large | Andrea Kepsel | Present  |
| At Large | d'Ann de Simone | Present  |
| At Large | Megan Donahue | Present  |
| At Large, Chairperson | Karen Kelly-Blake | Present  |
| At Large, Vice Chairperson | Stephanie Anthony | Present  |
| Business | Ayalla Ruvio | Present  |
| Business | Jeff Beck | Present  |
| Business | John Spink | Absent  |
| Communication Arts and Sciences | David Ewoldsen | Present  |
| Communication Arts and Sciences | Dustin Carnahan | Present  |
| Communication Arts and Sciences | Lucinda Davenport | Present  |
| Education | Daniel Gould | Present  |
| Education | Mary Juzwik | Present  |
| Education | Spyros Konstantopoulos | Present  |
| Emeriti Faculty | Gary Stone | Absent  |
| Engineering | Mark Worden | Present  |
| Engineering | Mehrnaz Ghamami | Present  |
| Engineering | Pang.Ning Tan | Present  |
| Engineering | Tongtong Li | Present  |
| FRIB | Chris Wrede | Present  |
| Human Medicine | Amber Heard-Booth | Present  |
| Human Medicine | Cristian Meghea | Present  |
| Human Medicine | Jamie Alan | Present  |
| Human Medicine | Hua Xiao | Absent  |
| Human Medicine | Michael Williams | Absent  |
| James Madison | Anna Pegler-Gordon | Present  |
| James Madison | Daniel Ahlquist | Present  |
| Law | Jeremy Francis | Substitute: Tiffani Darden |
| Law | Wenona Singel | Present  |
| Libraries | Alexandra Hauser | Present  |
| Libraries | Lisa Lorenzo | Present  |
| Libraries | Lisa Robinson | Present  |
| Lyman Briggs | Rob LaDuca | Present  |
| Music | Jane Bunnell | Present  |
| Music | Ken Prouty | Present  |
| Natural Science | Aaron Odom | Present  |
| Natural Science | Michelle Mazei-Robison | Present  |
| Natural Science | Thomas Hamann | Present  |
| Natural Science | Willie Wong | Present  |
| Nursing | Gayle Lourens | Present  |
| Nursing | Katherine Dontje | Present  |
| Osteopathic Medicine | Jason Bazil | Substitute: Shane Crandall |
| Osteopathic Medicine | Jacek Cholewicki | Present  |
| Osteopathic Medicine | Kin.Sing Lee | Present  |
| Osteopathic Medicine | Erik Shapiro | Absent  |
| RCAH | Eric Aronoff | Present  |
| RCAH | Lauren Russell | Present  |
| Social Science | Peilei Fan | Present  |
| Social Science | Pilar Horner | Present  |
| Social Science | Raymond Jussaume | Present  |
| Social Science | Ryan Scrivens | Present  |
| Social Science | Stephen Gasteyer | Present  |
| UCAG | Jack Lipton | Present  |
| UCC | Marci Mechtel | Present  |
| UCFA | Mick Fulton | Present  |
| UCFT | Susan Barman | Present  |
| UCGS | Denise Hershey | Absent  |
| UCSA | Nicolas Gisholt | Present  |
| UCUE | Gina Leinninger | Present  |
| Veterinary Medicine | Andres Contreras | Present  |
| Veterinary Medicine | Rob Sanders | Present  |
| Veterinary Medicine | Stephan Carey | Absent  |