

# The Steering Committee

Minutes

April 4, 2023



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**Present:** J. Alan, S. Anthony, S. Barman, N. Beauchamp, d. de Simone, A. Dobbins, M. Donahue, C. Gomez, A. Grondin, A. Halvorsen, A. Iturralde, H. Jeffrey, T. Jeitschko, K. Kelly-Blake, J. Kovach, J. Lipton, R. Malouin, T. Silvestri, A. Tessmer, D. Thompson

**Absent:** T. Woodruff

**Other Attendees:** A. Austin, E. Hoyumpa, T. Thrush, R. Yang

## Approval of Agenda and Minutes

The Steering Committee of Michigan State University held a regular meeting on Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at 3:15 p.m. via Zoom with Chairperson Karen Kelly-Blake presiding. The agenda was approved following an amendment. The draft minutes of the March 14, 2023 meeting were approved as presented.

## Reports

In addition to [submitted written reports](#), the committee received verbal reports from Council of Graduate Students President Hannah Jeffery, Associated Students of Michigan State University Vice President of Academic Affairs Aaron Iturralde, University Committee on Academic Governance Chairperson Jack Lipton, University Committee on the Libraries Chairperson Daryl Thompson, and University Committee on Student Life and Engagement Chairperson Carl Austin Miller Grondin.

## Identifying Volunteers for Faculty Liaison Group to the Board of Trustees

At-Large Member d'Ann de Simone volunteered to join Chairperson Kelly-Blake, Vice Chairperson Stephanie Anthony, and University Committee on Faculty Affairs Chairperson Jamie Alan at the April 20 Faculty Liaison Group to the Board of Trustees lunch.

## Alignment of Spring Breaks between MSU and Local School Districts

The chairperson described a concern raised by faculty members regarding the lack of alignment between the university's spring break and those of local school districts, noting that some faculty believed it "creates hardships that are experienced unequally by faculty, staff, and students." Following debate, the committee agreed by consent to refer the issue to UCFA to consider whether further discussion is warranted in light of practical issues pointed out by members of the Steering Committee.

## Review of Draft Presidential Search Committee Application

University Committee on undergraduate Education Chairperson presented a draft application that was developed by a Steering subcommittee for faculty interested in being considered to be a faculty nominee for the presidential search committee. Following extensive debate and amendment, the committee approved the application by consent.

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## Setting Upcoming Faculty Senate and University Council Agendas

After discussion, the committee agreed by consent to set agendas for the upcoming Faculty Senate and University Council meetings with the following new business:

### Faculty Senate – April 18, 2023

1. Annual Faculty and Academic Staff Compensation Recommendation | UCFA  
Chairperson Jamie Alan & UCFA Budget Subcommittee Chairperson Bree Holtz
2. Discuss Proposed Name, Gender, Sexual Identity and Pronoun Data Policy
3. Annual Standing Committee Reports | UCFA & UCFT

### University Council – April 25, 2023

1. Title IX and RVSM at MSU | Acting Associate Vice President for the Office for Civil Rights and Title IX Education and Compliance Sarah Harebo, Title IX Coordinator Nicole Schmidtke, & Director of the Office of Support and Equity Tom Fritz
2. Data Consulting Group Report
3. Annual Standing Committee Reports | UCAG, UCGS, UCUE, UCSLE, & UCL

## Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:46 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tyler Silvestri".

Tyler Silvestri  
Secretary for Academic Governance

**Approved: September 5, 2023**