

Approved: November 12, 2019

2019-2020: Meeting #2

**Michigan State University
Faculty Senate
Approved Minutes
October 8, 2019, 3:15 PM
115 International Center**

Present: S. Anthony, R. Bell, A. Bennett, G. Benitez, A. Borcila, J. Bunnell, H. Cho, J. Cholewicki, L. Cloud, A. Contreras, A. Corner, M. Crimp, P. Crane, A. Dunn, P. Eisenlohr, D. Ewoldsen, J. Felton, E. Frantz, G. Garrity, E. Gardner, S. Gasteyer, J. Goldbort, D. Gould, C. Grosso, J. Guzzetta, A. Hauser, B. Holtz, G. Hoppenstand, R. Isaacs, J. Jiang, M. Johnson, M. Kiupel, L. Lapidus, M.H. Lee, S. Logan, E. Marcyk-Taylor, L. Martin, M. Mazei-Robison, M. Mechtel, J. Meier, D. Mendez, R. Miksicek, K. Miller, D. Moriarty, W. Nesbitt, F. Nunes, R. Ofoli, A. Olomu, N. Parameswaran, A. Pegler-Gordon, D. Polischuk, R. Root, J. Rosa, E. Rosser, A. Ruvio, D. Sheridan, T. Silvestri, J. Slade, N. Smeltekop, S. Stanley, G. Stone, Z. Szendrei, P.N. Tan, N. Teagan, B. Teppen, S. Thobani, S. Valberg, M. Wallace, G. Wittenbaum, N. Wright, J. Yun, A. Zeleke

Absent: B. Beekman, J. Dulebohn, L. Fernandez, R. Fulton, J. Johnson, M. Kingry, K.S. Lee, L. McCabe, M. Miklavcic, G. Swain.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:16 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda for October 8, 2019

The **agenda for October 8, 2019** was **approved as amended** for Item 7.2.

3. Approval of Draft Minutes for September 10, 2019

The **minutes for September 10, 2019** were **approved** as distributed.

4. President's Remarks: Dr. Samuel L. Stanley

President Stanley introduced Interim Provost Sullivan and described the qualifications that she brings to this position. He also described the process he intends to follow regarding the search for a new Provost, including the solicitation of input from the University community.

President Stanley reported on the meetings he held with survivors of sexual assault on MSU's campus. He noted that these meetings were educational. He also reported that the

University should soon be seeing the results of the MSU Campus Climate Survey, which will assist in providing guidelines for changing the campus climate at the University.

President Stanley reported on the recent Investiture Ceremony held at MSU, where the newest Endowed Professors, MSU Foundation Professors and Hannah Distinguished Professors were honored. He added that 112 new Endowed positions were created during the last Capital Campaign. He thanked Edward Minskoff and Eli Broad, major University donors, for their contribution and participation in the successful Minskoff Pavilion opening.

President Stanley concluded his remarks by reporting about the Gotcha E-Scooters that will be arriving on Campus soon. He then introduced Interim Provost Sullivan.

5. Interim Provost's Remarks: Dr. Teresa A. Sullivan

Interim Provost Sullivan discussed her history with MSU and her strong commitment to the University.

Dr. Ofoli asked if individuals are free to discuss the Provost search with other individuals, and President Stanley said that this would be fine but that a search firm would be hired for the Provost search properly.

6. Chairperson's Remarks: Professor Deborah Moriarty

Chairperson Moriarty welcomed Interim Provost Sullivan to MSU. She also reported on the Faculty Senate Ad Hoc Committee regarding future meeting spaces for the Faculty Senate and the potential technology costs involved. She notes that David Byelich will be requested to report on the University budget in November and asked for input regarding what questions to ask him.

Professor Moriarty stated that President Stanley and the University Committee on Academic Governance have been asked to review the prospect of restructuring of the Office of the Secretary for Academic Governance.

Professor Moriarty also reported on the issues involved with MSU retirement investments in fossil fuel industries. This concern has been steered to the University Committee on Faculty Affairs for review.

Professor Moriarty noted that Dr. Jeff Grabill will be appearing at the University Committee on Graduate Studies and the University Committee on Faculty Affairs to discuss the status of online courses at MSU. She also noted that the policy regarding travel accommodations involving post-docs has been referred to the University Committee on Graduate Studies and then to the University Committee on Faculty Affairs.

Professor Moriarty then concluded her remarks by reporting on the status of the University Bylaws revisions.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1. University Committee on Curriculum (UCC) Report, Dr. Marci Mechtel, UCC Chairperson ([Long Report](#) – click on link)

Dr. Mechtel reported that the UCC met at the end of September, and approved the following: one new Program, Athletic Training, Master of Science, effective Summer Semester of 2020; an additional 22 Program changes were approved, along with no Program deletions. She noted that 51 new courses were approved, 132 course changes were approved, and two course deletions were approved. She stated that there were no moratoriums or discontinuations to report. She said that the Short Report is in Appendix B, and that the Long Report can also be accessed. She then moved to accept the report from UCC and was seconded. **The motion passed.**

7.2. Proposed Resolution from Faculty Senate, Dr. Brian Teppen, Faculty Senate Representative from Agriculture and Natural Resources

Dr. Brian Teppen moved that “Faculty Senate recommends that President Stanley and the Board of Trustees reject the General Council’s recommendations against waiving attorney-client privilege, for MSU to release all information relating to the Nasser case as soon as possible, and to facilitate investigation of this matter to the fullest extent, and bring this tragic history to closure for all.” The motion was seconded and discussion ensued. A friendly amendment was made to alter to the motion statement with the phrase “...to the fullest extent possible.” The friendly amendment was seconded, and discussion ensued. The amended motion was tabled by election of the Faculty Senate, with the understanding that the subject would be raised again in the future and the MSU General Council and Attorney General would be invited to the next FS meeting.

7.3. Faculty Senate Resolution for an Open Provost Search

Representing a group of Faculty Senators, Dr. Andaluna Borcila made a motion that the Faculty Senate endorse a resolution for an open Provost search, to be called an “Open and Inclusive Provost Search.” The motion, which reads: “The Faculty Senate urgently requests that the search to fill the position of Provost of Michigan State University include the following: extensive opportunities for broad participation of faculty through a range of means, including but not limited to public interviews or open forums with the finalists in the search, and careful consideration of broad, inclusive faculty feedback to the Search Committee from these interactions.” The motion was seconded and discussion ensued. The motion was voted on electronically, and **the motion passed unanimously.**

7.4. Consideration of Proposed Faculty Senate Procedures, Tyler Silvestri, University Committee on Academic Governance (UCAG)

Chairperson Moriarty stated this is not an action item, but that this is an item for discussion only.

Tyler Silvestri provided a statement about the University Committee on Academic Governance's Ad Hoc Committee's report on MSU Bylaws revisions. He offered a history of the report, its context, and its current status. He noted that the revisions will go to the University Council in November for a vote. Discussion ensued. Professor Moriarty moved for an advisory vote on whether the Faculty Senate should move this discussion to the next Faculty Senate meeting, and was seconded. **The motion carries.**

7.5. Provost Search, Professor Deborah Moriarty

Professor Moriarty read the Advisory Committee procedures from the Academic Human Resources section in the Faculty Handbook: "An Advisory Committee will be appointed by the President or Provost to provide them with evaluation or recommendations on individuals under consideration. The Steering Committee shall advise the President or the Provost on the general composition and specific membership of the Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee shall consist primarily of wholly faculty and students and shall include women and minorities. Selected members who might be judged appropriately by the Steering Committee may be added. All persons or groups involved in selecting or identifying the members of the Special Advisory Committee share the responsibility of including women and minority Committee members."

Professor Moriarty noted that President Stanley requested a slate of three individuals be presented to him. A process will be developed to discuss and to vote on these three individuals. Discussion ensued.

8. Comments from the floor

9. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. **The motion carried.** 4:54 pm.