

Faculty Senate

Minutes

April 19, 2022



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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 be done 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 on 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](#). 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](#). 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.

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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.

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

Tyler Silvestri
Secretary for Academic Governance

Approved: September 20, 2022

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Attendance	
Present	64
Absent	9
Total	73
Quorum	38

Constituency/Title	Name	Attendance
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

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Constituency/Title	Name	Attendance
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

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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 Leininger	Present
Veterinary Medicine	Andres Contreras	Present
Veterinary Medicine	Rob Sanders	Present
Veterinary Medicine	Stephan Carey	Absent