Approval of Agenda and Minutes

The Michigan State University Faculty Senate held a regular meeting on Tuesday, September 19, 2023 at 3:15 p.m. via Zoom and in 115 International Center with Chairperson Jack Lipton presiding. The agenda was approved following one amendment. The draft minutes of the April 18, 2023 meeting were approved as presented.

Remarks

Interim Provost Thomas D. Jeitschko, Executive Vice President for Health Sciences Norman J. Beauchamp Jr., and the chairperson gave remarks.[[1]](#footnote-2)

Orientation

Secretary for Academic Governance Tyler Silvestri gave a presentation outlining the role of the Faculty Senate, the academic governance structure at Michigan State University, and basic parliamentary procedure.

Presidential Search Resolution

The Faculty Senate adopted a resolution introduced by Vice Chairperson Rebecca Malouin that, after debate and amendment, read:

*Whereas,*The *Statement on Government of Colleges and Universities*developed by the American Association of University Professors, the American Council on Education, and the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges in 1966 reads, “The selection of a chief administrative officer should follow upon a cooperative search by the governing board and the faculty, taking into consideration the opinions of others who are appropriately interested”; and

*Whereas,*The *Statement*continues, “The president should be equally qualified to serve both as the executive officer of the governing board and as the chief academic officer of the institution and the faculty. The president’s dual role requires an ability to interpret to board and faculty the educational views and concepts of institutional government of the other. The president should have the confidence of the board and the faculty”; and

*Whereas,*The university’s history of presidential searches and turnover makes a quality search critical; therefore be it

*Resolved,*That the Faculty Senate believes the next president of Michigan State University should be a preeminent scholar, an accomplished academic, and an individual with substantial experience in leading a university administration; and

*Resolved,*That the search should continue for as long as it takes to identify such an individual and should not be limited by arbitrary deadlines; and

*Resolved,*That the Faculty Senate calls on the Board of Trustees to commit to only selecting a president who has received the endorsement of the Presidential Search Committee; and

*Resolved,*That the trustees should not choose any president who did not receive the endorsement of a majority of those chosen as the faculty and academic staff representatives on the Presidential Search Committee.

Approval of New College of Human Medicine Departments

Senator Jamie Alan moved to endorse proposals to create the [Department of Otolaryngology,](https://acadgov.msu.edu/-/media/assets/academicgovernance/docs/faculty-senate/fs-2023-2024/fs-2023-09-19/b---msu-department-of-otolaryngology-submission-20221121-final.pdf?rev=48ad8680c56c43758ec0d20b245cf11d&hash=4F13436BD6483677F6F24BE606B70E27) the [Department of Pathology,](https://acadgov.msu.edu/-/media/assets/academicgovernance/docs/faculty-senate/fs-2023-2024/fs-2023-09-19/c---msu-department-of-pathology-submission-20221121-final.pdf?rev=1e4eadf8c32343229199ecea803a9f2b&hash=5E96C420F1E33C3EA5743BEEEC1D7D4E) the [Department of Radiation Oncology,](https://acadgov.msu.edu/-/media/assets/academicgovernance/docs/faculty-senate/fs-2023-2024/fs-2023-09-19/d---msu-department-of-radiation-oncology-submission-20221121-final.pdf?rev=90e0f2488cdf406c8875f9b36117a05a&hash=D2B326E5746DD513D34E2347D6F4F753) the [Department of Urology,](https://acadgov.msu.edu/-/media/assets/academicgovernance/docs/faculty-senate/fs-2023-2024/fs-2023-09-19/e---msu-department-of-urology-proposal-submission-20221121-final.pdf?rev=1505f66e0eab44d28157e5c19300932d&hash=D8A6D305FD1BBFDDF21AB0779C45D543) the [Department of Dermatology,](https://acadgov.msu.edu/-/media/assets/academicgovernance/docs/faculty-senate/fs-2023-2024/fs-2023-09-19/f---msu-dept-of-dermatology-submission-20221121-final.pdf?rev=58c424818189456e9f1e725070a6beb4&hash=8862C1055216AB39ED2D9EB1470E4C09) and the [Department of Neurosurgery](https://acadgov.msu.edu/-/media/assets/academicgovernance/docs/faculty-senate/fs-2023-2024/fs-2023-09-19/g---msu-neurosurgery-department-submission-20221121-final.pdf?rev=c05edd5872b0402fa61440f040377675&hash=E8930F5C6BCF2950CFD0D3801E6B4E51) in the College of Human Medicine. The motion was adopted by consent.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

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Tyler Silvestri  
Secretary for Academic Governance  
**Approved:**

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| **Attendance** | |
| **Present** | 63 |
| **Absent** | 17 |
| **Total** | 80 |
| **Quorum** | 41 |

| **Constituency/Title** | **Name** | **Attendance** |
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| Academic Specialist Advisory Committee | Megan Stevenson | Absent |
| Agriculture and Natural Resources | Cimberly Weir | Present |
| Agriculture and Natural Resources | Jeff Swada | Present |
| Agriculture and Natural Resources | Lorraine Weatherspoon | Present |
| Agriculture and Natural Resources | Matt Raven | Present |
| Agriculture and Natural Resources | Satish Joshi | Present |
| Arts and Letters | Brahim Chakrani | Present |
| Arts and Letters | Kate Birdsall | Present |
| Arts and Letters | Kristen Mapes | Present |
| Arts and Letters | Zach Kaiser | Present |
| Associated Students of Michigan State University | Alissa Hakim | Present |
| At Large | Angela Wilson | Present |
| At Large | Jack Lipton | Present |
| At Large | Justin St. Charles | Present |
| At Large | Rebecca Malouin | Present |
| At-Large, Arts and Letters | d'Ann de Simone | Present |
| Business | Ayalla Ruvio | Present |
| Business | John Spink | Present |
| Business | Quan Zhang | Absent |
| Communication Arts and Sciences | Dan Hiaeshutter-Rice | Present |
| Communication Arts and Sciences | Rabindra "Robby" Ratan | Present |
| Communication Arts and Sciences | Alexandra Thrubis Stanley | Absent |
| Council of Graduate Students | Hannah Jeffery | Present |
| Education | Amelia Gotwals | Substituted: Mary Juzwik |
| Education | Matthew Pontifex | Present |
| Education | Emre Umucu | Absent |
| Emeriti Faculty | Gary Stone | Present |
| Engineering | Mark Worden | Present |
| Engineering | Neil Wright | Present |
| Engineering | Andrew Mason | Absent |
| Engineering | Chengcheng Fang | Absent |
| Executive Vice President for Health Sciences | Norman Beauchamp | Present |
| Faculty Grievance | Francisco Villarruel | Absent |
| FRIB | Chris Wrede | Present |
| Human Medicine | Clair Margerison | Present |
| Human Medicine | Cristian Meghea | Present |
| Human Medicine | Hua Xiao | Present |
| Human Medicine | Michael Williams | Present |
| Human Medicine | Scott Counts | Present |
| Interim President | Teresa Woodruff | Absent |
| Interim Provost | Thomas Jeitschko | Present |
| James Madison | Daniel Ahlquist | Present |
| James Madison | Russell Lucas | Present |
| Law | David Favre | Present |
| Law | Noga Morag-Levine | Present |
| Libraries | Kathleen Weessies | Present |
| Libraries | Tad Boehmer | Present |
| Lyman Briggs | Peter White | Present |
| Lyman Briggs | Samantha Cass | Present |
| Music | Guy Yehuda | Present |
| Music | Jane Bunnell | Present |
| Natural Science | Aaron Odom | Present |
| Natural Science | Brian Gulbransen | Present |
| Natural Science | Francois Greer | Present |
| Natural Science | Min-Hao Kuo | Present |
| Natural Science | Gustavo de los Campos | Absent |
| Nursing | Chastity Warren | Present |
| Nursing | Gayle Lourens | Present |
| Osteopathic Medicine | Janice Schwartz | Present |
| Osteopathic Medicine | Jason Bazil | Present |
| Osteopathic Medicine |  | Absent |
| RCAH | John Aerni-Flessner | Present |
| RCAH | Tama Hamilton-Wray | Present |
| Social Science | Guo Chen | Present |
| Social Science | Laurie Bulock | Present |
| Social Science | Raymond Jussaume | Present |
| Social Science | Zeenat Kotval-Karamchandani | Present |
| Social Science | James Dulebohn | Co-Chair: Patricia Machemer |
| UCC | Valeta Wensloff | Present |
| UCFA | Jamie Alan | Present |
| UCFT | Sue Barman | Present |
| UCGS | Trixie Smith | Absent |
| UCUE | Antoinette Tesmmer | Present |
| Veterinary Medicine | Sean Crosson | Present |
| Veterinary Medicine | Stephan Carey | Absent |
| Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education and Dean of Undergraduate Studies | Mark Largent | Present |

1. A recording of their remarks and the rest of the meeting is available at <https://mediaspace.msu.edu/media/Faculty%20Senate%20%7C%20September%2019%2C%202023/1_8tefvwpf>. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)