Approval of Agenda and Minutes

The Michigan State University Faculty Senate held a meeting on Tuesday, January 23, 2024 at 3:15 p.m. via Zoom with Chairperson Jack W. Lipton presiding. The agenda was approved as presented after an amendment. The draft minutes of the December 19, 2023, meeting were approved as presented.

Remarks

Interim President Teresa K. Woodruff and Chairperson Jack Lipton gave remarks.[[1]](#footnote-2)

Tenure System Faculty Union

Senator Jane Bunnell gave a brief update on the Tenure System Faculty Unionization process.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Efforts at MSU

Vice President and Chief Diversity Officer Jabbar Bennett gave a presentation on DEI and the process of implementing the university’s Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Strategic Plan. Questions were answered after the presentation.

Annual Faculty and Academic Staff Compensation Recommendation

University Committee on Faculty Affairs Chairperson Jamie Alan updated the Senate on the status of the Annual Faculty and Academic Staff Compensation Recommendation.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:18 p.m.

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Secretary for Academic Governance  
**Approved:**

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| **Attendance** | |
| **Present** | 62 |
| **Absent** | 19 |
| **Total** | 81 |
| **Quorum** | 41.5 |

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

1. A video of their remarks (and the rest of the meeting) can be found at <https://acadgov.msu.edu/facultysenate>. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)