

Athletic Council

Election Slate

University Committee on Academic Governance

April 8, 2025



Carl Boehlert (Page 1 of 1)

Unit: College of Engineering

Academic Appointment & Rank: Professor – Tenured

Initial MSU Appointment: 2005

Previous Academic Governance Service: University Committee on Curriculum

Also Applied To:



Please explain why you are interested in serving on the Athletic Council and what qualifies you to do so.

I played varsity football for 4 years at Cornell University and know the challenges of a Division 1 athlete and I am interested in helping serve such athletes as much as possible

Please provide a brief statement about your past activities and/or future plans that have advanced or will aim to advance diversity, equity, and inclusion, using your own understanding of those terms.

I have promoted diversity and inclusion in my research groups which have been populated at the 50% level with underrepresented groups in STEM fields



Steven Haider (Page 1 of 2)

Unit: College of Social Science

Academic Appointment & Rank: Professor - Tenured

Initial MSU Appointment: 2002

Previous Academic Governance Service:

Also Applied To:



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In my 22 years at MSU, I have significant administrative experience, serving as the Dept. Chairperson for the last 5 years and the Director of Graduate Students for 5 years as well. In addition, I taught the large-section principles courses for 7 years, teaching 1,200 students a year. Throughout this, I have interacted with many, many student athletes. I have a deep appreciation for the many incredible bids on their time and their commitment to excellence.

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As Dept. Chair, I (1) wrote our dept. policy on advancing diversity, which passed unanimously among a very diverse group of faculty; (2) I created an administrative position (Director of Institutional Access) to assist me in achieving our diversity goals; (3) I continually advocate for a broad view of diversity, which is appropriate given we are a very large university; and (4) I routinely remind stakeholders of MSU's very rich history in promoting equitable access, especially among our athletic programs. Towards the latter end, I had the occasion to hear Jimmy Ray speak several months ago about his experiences at MSU.



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Coming off of 5 years of intense departmental administrative experience (my term as Chair included the COVID years, the Feb. 13th shootings, 16 faculty departures, an undergrad program growing 40%...), I'm anxious to continue to serve the university, but I'd like to do so more selectively--focusing on Athletics for the first time. Since I arrived at MSU, MSU athletics, particularly the non-revenue sports, have been a large part of my family. My three kids have been Jr. Spartans for many years, and we have spent a significant amount of time going to soccer, volleyball, women's basketball, tennis, and other sporting events as entertainment--riding our bikes to the games even if we only had time for a half. This last Friday night, my oldest son and I stayed at the Purdue game till the very end, knowing it was his last game with me before going off to College. I look forward to start supporting the athletic program in this new dimension.



Alysa Lucas (Page 1 of 1)

Unit: Undergraduate Education

Academic Appointment & Rank: Academic Specialist – Curriculum Development
– Continuing

Initial MSU Appointment: 2023

Previous Academic Governance Service:

Also Applied To:



Please explain why you are interested in serving on the Athletic Council and what qualifies you to do so.

Prior to my appointment at MSU, I worked at Central Michigan University for 10 years and, during that time, I served as a committee member or chairperson of CMU's Athletics Committee, and then nearly five years as CMU's Faculty Athletic Representative. I believe my experience at CMU and understanding of Athletics would serve the MSU Athletic Council well.

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I worked as CMU's Faculty Athletic Representative, and served all student-athletes, who are often part of marginalized groups, and made equitable decisions. In addition, I was a professor for fifteen years, and worked to include representative examples for the content, and to be sure everyone was included.



Jake Rowan (Page 1 of 2)

Unit: College of Osteopathic Medicine

Academic Appointment & Rank: Associate Professor – Health Programs

Initial MSU Appointment: 2004

Previous Academic Governance Service: University Committee on Graduate Studies

Also Applied To:



Please explain why you are interested in serving on the Athletic Council and what qualifies you to do so.

I am interested in serving on the Athletic Council to assist the student athletes, athletic department, and university administration in ensuring that the welfare and competitiveness of our student athletes remains a top priority while maintaining the academic integrity of our institution. I recognize that our athletic programs promote school pride, beautify our campus, and open avenues for communication with many of our stake holders. As a university physician and associate professor involved in treating patients, teaching, research, and administrative work, I have experience balancing individual welfare concerns and the academic needs of our institution. I will provide my knowledge, skills and abilities, to create a positive and successful learning experience for all students including our student athletes. We should strive to offer a balanced educational experience with high expectations that challenge and motivate each student athlete within a safe and caring environment.

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Accepting, hiring, and supporting people from a wide variety of backgrounds is not only the right thing to do, but it also makes our university stronger. When we unite our shared values with our individual differences and perspectives, we create an educational community that is dynamic and responsive to any challenge. As a military veteran and physician whose medical specialty area is physical medicine and rehabilitation, I am very comfortable with discussing and advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion issues. I believe we should strive to bring in students, staff, and faculty from a wide variety of backgrounds.



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During my time in the military and as an MSU faculty member my family has lived and worked abroad, experiencing new languages and cultures. This opened my mind and heart to the importance of diversity and inclusion. My family has also worked with MSU's international students and faculty through MSU's Community Volunteers for International Programs organization (CVIP). This program is a wonderful resource that has provided me with insight into how students and faculty from other countries and cultures see our university and the community. I have also done research on the language skills of our College of Osteopathic Medicine students to explore how multilingual medical students represent the diversity in our state.

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As a physician at MSU I have a very public facing job. This allows me to share in the experiences, thoughts, and perspectives that the community outside of MSU has about our university. I hope to bring that knowledge to the Athletic Council.

