

The Steering Committee

Draft Minutes

December 5, 2023



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Present: J. Alan, A. Burt (for S. Barman), N. Beauchamp, S. Chamoun, d. de Simone, A. Hakim, E. Hoyumpa, H. Jeffery, T. Jeitschko, J. Iseler, C. Le, J. Lipton, R. Malouin, T. Silvestri, T. Smith, J. St. Charles, A. Tessmer, V. Wensloff, A. Wilson

Absent: T. Woodruff

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

The Steering Committee of Michigan State University held a regular meeting on Tuesday, December 5, 2023 at 3:15 p.m. via Zoom with Chairperson Jack Lipton presiding. The agenda was approved as presented. The draft minutes of the November 7, 2023 meeting were approved as presented.

Reports

The committee heard oral reports from the standing committees and student governments.

Secretary for Academic Governance Tyler Silvestri reported that he referred an item involving possible changes to the [university's guidance on hiring criteria for associate and assistant deans](#) to the University Committees on Academic Governance and Faculty Affairs.

Proposed Ad Hoc Committee on Free Speech

Following the University Council's November 28, 2023 approval of an ad hoc committee on free speech and hate speech, the Steering Committee discussed its potential composition, membership, charge, and method of selecting members. The committee agreed by consent to postpone action until further information about past ad hoc committees was available.

Standing Committee Rules and Procedures

The secretary asked committee chairs whether their committees had rules or procedures, consistent with *Bylaw for Academic Governance 4.2.2.5*. The University Committees on Graduate Studies and Undergraduate Education chairpersons indicated they did. The committee agreed by consent to refer the matter to the University Committee on Academic Governance to possibly develop a template.

Identify Faculty Liaisons to the Board of Trustees

At-Large Member Justin St. Charles and UCGS Chairperson Trixie Smith volunteered to join the chairperson, vice chairperson, and UCFA chairperson at the December Faculty Liaison Group to the Board of Trustees meeting.

Develop Faculty Senate Agenda

By consent, the committee developed an agenda for the December 19 Faculty Senate meeting with the following new business:

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- **Research at Michigan State University**
Vice President for Research and Innovation Doug Gage
- **Faculty Recruitment, Hiring, Retention, Promotion, and Tenure**
Interim Provost Thomas Jeitschko, Vice President and Chief Diversity Officer Jabbar Bennett, and Assistant Provost Kara Yermak
- **University Outreach and Engagement**
Vice Provost for University Outreach and Engagement Kwesi Brookins

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

TA Silvestri

Tyler Silvestri

Secretary for Academic Governance

Approved: