

# The Steering Committee

Draft Minutes

February 6, 2024



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**Present:** R. Malouin, T. Jeitschko, G. Hoppenstand, A. Hakim, A. Tessmer, C. Le, D. de Simone, D. Rehberger, J. Alan, J. P. Nicholas, K. Yermak, N. J. Beauchamp, S. S. Chamoun, S. Narman, T. Mastin, T. Smith, A. Dobbins

**Absent:** T. K. Woodruff, J. W. Lipton, A. Wilson (substituting for V. Wensloff)

## **Approval of Agenda and Minutes**

The Steering Committee of Michigan State University held a regular meeting on Tuesday, February at 3:15 p.m. via Zoom with Vice Chairperson Rebecca Malouin presiding. The agenda was approved as presented. The draft minutes of the February 9, 2024, meeting were approved as presented.

## **Remarks**

The committee heard remarks from Vice Chairperson Rebecca Malouin.

## **Reports**

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

## **Evaluating the Use of Digital Learning Platforms**

UCUE Chairperson Antoinette Tessmer gave a brief presentation on the use of complementary digital learning platforms and requested the creation of a taskforce to evaluate faculty and staff use of these platforms. Vice Chairperson Malouin motioned to refer this item to the University Council and have it consider or explore the creation of a committee to create a survey of faculty and students on evaluating the use of digital learning platforms. The committee approved this motion.

## **MSU Divestment Resolution**

ASMSU Vice President for Academic Affairs Alissa Hakim made a motion to request that the University Council consider a resolution for MSU to “divest from Israel and its current military campaign in Palestine.”<sup>1</sup> The Committee approved the motion. Later in the meeting, ASMSU VPAA Alissa Hakim made an additional motion to refer this item to the Faculty Senate. It was voted on and approved by the committee.

## **Resolution Regarding the Interim President**

Matthew J. Anderson, Ph.D./FEA requested and was granted permission from Vice Chairperson Rebecca Malouin to present a resolution requesting the acknowledgement of Interim President Woodruff’s accomplishments in her role as Interim President. After discussion and a proposed amendment to the letter that Dr. Anderson submitted to the

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<sup>1</sup> Click [HERE](#) to read the full letter ASMUA VPAA Alissa Hakim submitted for consideration.

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committee, Vice Chairperson Malouin moved to refer the item to the University Council to consider an appropriate honor. The committee voted on and approved this motion.

## **Develop Faculty Senate and University Council Agendas**

After wording correction to the agenda of the upcoming University Council meeting, the committee approved the agendas for the upcoming University Council and Faculty Senate meetings with the following new business:

### Faculty Senate – February 20, 2024

1. MSU Divestment Resolution

### University Council – February 20, 2024

1. Evaluating the Use of Digital Learning Platforms | UCUE Chairperson Antionette Tessmer
2. Considering an Honor for Interim President Woodruff
2. MSU Divestment Resolution

## **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 4:37p.m.

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Secretary for Academic Governance

**Approved:**