

December 2024 Fall Report to The Steering Committee

Office of Academic Governance

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General OAG Updates

This fall, the office of Academic governance has overseen the movement of standing committee documentation move to the TEAMS. Other items of relevance and interest include participation in the Big Ten Academic Alliance Faculty Senate Leadership Conference at the University of Maryland in November for networking and benchmarking of best practices and current issues in the world of higher education governance. The office continues to work toward changes in location, staffing, and budget increases to support the organization of University Level Governance at Michigan State.

Faculty Senate and University Council

This semester both faculty senate and university council heard from a variety of speakers on a diverse set of topics including presentations on Budgeting, University Communications, Infrastructure and Planning, the MyIdentity portal, Civil Discourse and Voting, Graduate Enrollment, Undergraduate Enrollment, Workplace Bullying, Professional Development for Academic Staff and Faculty.

Election Updates

Recently a call for nominations to the committees populated from the Pool of Faculty Volunteers was released and will be returned by December 8th for organization and processing. These nominations will then either be sent to the University Committee on Academic Governance or the President's Office for further consideration and selection. Faculty Senate will vote in February or March for these committees. In development is the College Election materials and these are expected to be released in January so that elections can be completed by the end of Spring Semester.

Also completed was a reach out to all 18 colleges for information on current college level governance contacts and materials.

Completed Work

Two searchs committtee compositions were created by the Steering Committee for the Provost and the Vice President of Student Affairs. Roles are expected to be filled in Spring 2025.

Also completed are several bylaw changes which have moved from governance to the president's office for final movement to and approval by the Board of Trustees at their December Meeting.

Highlighted Items in Academic Governance Fall 2024

Completed

VPSA Search Committee Composition

Provost Search Committee Composition

Athletic Council Bylaw Changes

In Progress

UCFA Policy Subcommittee review of Faculty Handbook

Ad Hoc Committee on Hate Speech and Free Speech

SRR and Academic Governance Bylaw Agreement

University Committee Nominations and Elections

Ad Hoc Committee on The Future of Institutionally Supported Research and Creative Activities

Workgroup for Faculty Nomenclature led by UCFA

Ad Hoc Committee Workplace Bullying Final Report to University Council

Items to Come for Spring 2025

RCR Additional Learning – Greg Swain

Bylaw Changes from UCAG