

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

UCGS Meeting Minutes¹

April 15, 2024, 3:00-5:00pm.

1. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Nothing to add to the agenda.
 - b. All approved, no opposed, no abstentia
2. Approval of the Minutes from March 18, 2024 (See D2L)
 - a. All approved, no opposed, no abstentia
3. Remarks from the Chairperson (Trixie Smith)
 - a. Updates from Faculty Senate (Kyonghee Kim)
 - i. 3 resolutions discussed.
 1. Call for MSU to divest from all financial holdings that profit from Israel's military campaign. Faculty Senate did not approve it but did approve an alternative resolution.
 - a. Trixie Smith added that there was a postponement on divestment resolution until the fall. There were words of dissent. The Secretary for Faculty Governance resigned in January and they are in the process of searching to hire a new person. Angela Wilson is the new Faculty Senate chair for 2024-2025.
 2. UCFA chairperson Jamie Allen reasserted the integrity of the faculty (documentation on D2L) with the Resolution on Professional Integrity – approved.
 3. The Faculty Handbook language for Faculty rights and Responsibilities has been updated to include language regarding State and Federal laws.
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 - b. Updates from University Council (Tom Sharkey)
 - i. Discussed the ad hoc Committee on Free Speech and Hate Speech.
 - ii. Citation recommending President Woodruff as President Emerita – approved.
 - iii. Undergraduate and Graduate enrollment – Pero Dagbovie, Dean of the Graduate School, discussed the various ways people undergo graduate studies here.
 - iv. Presentation from the University Office on Civil Rights regarding Trustee conduct. The office supports the actions of the trustee that brought the misconduct to light and proposed an annual training for trustees.
4. Remarks from the Dean of the Graduate School (Pero Dagbovie)
 - a. Thanks everyone for their commitment to graduate studies.
 - b. We will all be invited to an appreciation event at Chittenden Hall.
5. Remarks from the COGS Vice President for Internal Affairs (Samara Chamoun)
 - a. Samara was not present at the meeting, but relayed to Trixie that she did not have any remarks.
6. University Committee on Graduate Studies Subcommittee Reports
 - a. Academic Research Policy Subcommittee (Tomas Hult)

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- i. Seven-member subcommittee
- b. Graduate Instruction, Employment, & Mentoring Subcommittee (Andre Lee)
 - i. No report, waiting on TA contract negotiations
- c. Curriculum and Program Review Committee (Tom Sharkey)
 - i. *Passed a number of recommendations.
 1. Basic Medical Sciences - 8
 2. Master of Science in International Business - 13
 3. Master of Science in Management Studies - 14
 4. Master of Arts in Special Education - 19 (removed and will be considered for fall)
 5. Request to change the requirements for the **Graduate Certificate in Nonprofit Leadership, Global Cultures, and Social Enterprise** in the Department of Religious Studies. --15
 6. Request to change the requirements for the **Master of Arts** degree in **Rhetoric and Writing** in the Department of Writing, Rhetoric and American Cultures. --16
 7. Request to change the requirements for the **Doctor of Philosophy** degree in **Rhetoric and Writing** in the Department of Writing, Rhetoric and American Cultures. --17
 8. Request to change the requirements for the **Doctor of Philosophy** degree in **Second Language Studies** in the Department of Linguistics, Languages and Cultures. --18
 9. Request to change the name of the **Master of Arts** degree in **Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages to Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages and Applied Linguistics** in the Department of Linguistics, Languages, and Cultures. --19
 10. Request to change the requirements for the **Master in Urban and Regional Planning** degree in **Urban and Regional Planning** in the School of Planning, Design and Construction. --20
 11. Request to Change the Requirements for the Master of Public Health Degree in Public Health --21
 - 12. Motion from subcommittee to pass these recommendations – Unanimous pass

The order of items the following items is not as they appear in the agenda but are reported here in the order they appeared on the agenda.

7. Elections for AY 24-25: Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary (Trixie Smith) (original agenda item 22).
 - a. Trixie Smith was nominated to be Chair again – the election was unanimous.
 - b. Need a Vice Chairperson
 - c. Need a Secretary
 - i. Committee members asked for an email with a description of the two positions and we could take a vote via email or a poll. There is no deadline for when these positions need to be filled.
 - d. Academic governance will make all of our minutes more accessible.
 - e. We will receive 3 emails – 1 asking for nominations for the positions of Vice Chairperson and Secretary, 1 with a voting poll, and one announcing the results.

8. (4:00 pm) RIO Report—Guests Charles “Lee” Cox and Doug Gage – Research Integrity and Research Security Update (original agenda item 7).
 - a. Gave statistics on what is going on in the office and addressed the need to update the regulations following NIH standards.
 - b. Addressed the quickly evolving issue of Generative AI and research misconduct.
 - c. Incorporated RECR training for all new grants. CHIPS Act for new NSF grants. The office will be putting everything together on one website.
 - d. Research security update – Travel, Cyber security, Global Health
 - i. Committee members had questions about faculty engagement with China.

9. *Request to change the requirement for the **Master of Science** degree in **Basic Medical Science** in the College of Osteopathic Medicine (Anne Dorrence) (original agenda item 8).
 - a. Anne Dorrence from Osteopathic medicine explained that it is a Request to change the master’s program to a plan B master’s degree that doesn’t require a thesis.
 - b. Committee members questioned if the thesis research must be completed within 1 full semester – does the thesis then also have to be done or just the 899 course? They can take 899 multiple times.
 - c. Movement to approve (all in favor) – unanimous in favor, no abstentia.

10. *Request for Extension on the Moratorium Granted on Admission to the **Master of Science** Degree in **International Business** (Richard Saouma) (original agenda item 13).

11. *Request for Extension on the Moratorium Granted on Admission to the **Master of Science** Degree in **Management Studies** (Richard Saouma) (original agenda item 14).
 - a. Item numbers 10 and 11 above were treated together and explained by Richard Saouma.
 - b. Both in 10 and 11 above are currently in moratorium and the College of Business wants to keep them on the books for one more year in moratorium.
 - c. Questions from the committee: Will new leadership come in and decide if they want to invest in these programs? Richard answers yes, it is for the new associate dean and new leadership changes. The committee indicated that this should not continue to go on beyond this year and encouraged resolution in an expeditious manner. The committee asked about the management studies degree – no students were ever enrolled. If nobody enrolls, at what point are they really new programs? Richard says it was not properly marketed. The committee expressed concern that these programs are in limbo for so many years.
 - d. Move to approve the moratorium for items 10 and 11 above – Unanimous approval.

12. Adjournment
 - a. Motion to adjourn.

***Action item**