

# University Committee on Student Life & Engagement

Meeting Notes

September 20, 2024 | 8:30 a.m. ET



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Zoom Meeting

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Voting Members (Indicated in Bold are those who attended the meeting)

Students: **Maddie Dallas, Shri Keerthi Alla, Erin Caldwell, Achintya Chaganti, Connor Le, Gauravi Limbole, Aastha Patel, Miles Roberts, Andrew Sharp, Jesse Estrada White**, FSL Rep, UACOR Rep

Faculty: (Ms. J.) **Jonglim Han, Emily Langhart, Jeffrey Tsang, Sarah Ward**

Non-Voting Members: **Shannon Burton, Ray Gasser, Vennie Gore, Genyne Royal, Allyn Shaw**

Guests: **Mackenzie Fritz, Dodd Sledge**

- I. Call to Order @ 8:34am, Welcome- being the first meeting, introductions were conducted.
- II. Approval of Agenda- **Approved**
- III. Review of the Minutes- **Approved**
- IV. Presentations
  - a. Updates since April--Vennie Gore (SWRC, MCC, other) **Vennie updated the group on 3 projects.**
    - **Campbell Hall major upgrades, approved by BOT 2/23, started construction 5.24, plan to reopen 8.25.**
    - **Multicultural Center, approved by BOT 2.23, groundbreaking was 4.23 and Ribbon cutting will be 2.7.25**
    - **Student Rec & Wellness Center-approved by BOT 6/23, groundbreaking was 9.23, within budget and on schedule.**
  - b. Student Rights and Responsibilities update—**Mackenzie Fritz updated the group, overview and history and updates on what they have done in the past year. In the Fall of 2022 MSU initiated to review, update and edit both SRR and GSR, generally the rules and polices and how we enforce those policies. The goals of this review focused on ensuring that the documents meet the needs of the MSU community and that current policies appropriately respond to involving social norms, modern challenges and improve clarity and consistency. It took about 2 years to get this process through. Combined both SRR and GSR as one document for clarity. What hasn't changed OSSA will continue to utilize restorative approach to educate students through the process and well as provide in due process in that system. Minor modifications to the updated SSR...New version does allow the SVP to make minor edits that was approved but it does require to share with the group what was modified. That is what Mackenzie shared**

**with the group today, the minor modifications:**

- **Adjusted the Table of Contents,**
- **adjusted titles to be consistent with current MSU roles**
- **corrected or updated hyperlinks**
- **add approval dates for ASMSU, COGS, University Council and BOT**
- **Adjusted some spacing, grammatical errors, removed repeated words and hyphens.**
- **Adjusted the definition of “Good cause”**
- **Updated the definition of the definition ombudsperson and the appointment to include the word internally.**

**V. Reports**

- a. **Steering Committee-Have not met yet this year, no updates**
- b. **Faculty Senate-have met, President attended and also the Provost, some discussion about tenure unionizing and the administration to not have the ability to move ahead with that.**
- c. **Council of Graduate Students-Miles reported-had first meeting, approved budget for the year, expanded the scope of the one of the student organizations support awards to allowed to support a broader range of activities, heard report from grad student committee on Laboratory and Research safety. Overall MSU students felt safe, some notable gaps depending on individual labs & circumstance. Miles can give more details.**
- d. **Associated Students of Michigan State University-Connor updated- ASMSU services are up and running, Safe rides, printing, calculators and graphic calculators renting. General Assembly will be meeting next week. Message Connor for any updates or questions**
- e. **Vice President for Student Life & Engagement- busy first 4 weeks, moved in over 17,000 students on campus, 1400 plus Fall Welcome events, FSL bid day last week, next 3 weeks will be Career Fairs at Breslin, Student Parents Resource Center has moved to the Union 3<sup>rd</sup> floor.**
- f. **RHA-Erin Caldwell, good start, two general assembly meetings, have meeting Corum, hopefully pass budget soon, events are being planned, initiates up and running. RHA services questions- ask Erin.**
- g. **Student AT Large,- Maddie gave update- first of the year so just starting, so no update to report**
- h. **Election of Secretary- no nominees- Mary and Dr. Shaw will assist but it is a great opportunity if anyone is interested- send an email to Maddie**
- i. **Election of Faculty Senate Representative- Emily Langhart volunteered, all were in favor**

**VI. Discussion- Maddie will be sending out a Qualtrics form to this group for discussion topics, see how we can enhance the student experience, so if you have ideas, you can put those topics on that form.**

- a. **Ms. J- series of hate issues that have happened on campus- what can we do to help, since the rise of rhetoric, how can we be proactive to prevent some of these events from happening. What can we do in this space here to try to prevent some of these events from happening. Connor responded – the University Council created an AD Hoc committee to investigate Free Speech on campus. Connor can connect them to Ms J or group if you have any questions.**

- VII. Roundtable-**any programs or events that the group needs to be aware of?**
  - a. **Shannon Burton- First Gen flyer- will drop the link in chat.**
  - b. **Contact list that was attached to invite- send any updates to Mary Geller**
- VIII. Adjourn @ 10:00 am

Next Meeting: October 18, 2024