

University Committee of Undergraduate Education

Draft Minutes

February 6, 2025



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Present: Alexandria, Andrea Freidus Turner, Tony Stanco, Garth Sabo, Gary Blanchard, John Spink, Helen Mayer, Jennifer Goett, Mark Largent, Amanda Idema, Joy Davis, Julia Vogt, Laura Thompson, Marissa King, Tom Summerhill, Ahmed Amir, Kyle Greenwalt, Jeno Rivera, Kathleen Gallo, Rachel Barnard, Tshepang, Jasnoor Kaur, Michael Risitch, Ebony Green

Absent: Chastity Warren

A regular meeting of the University Committee of Undergraduate Education was held on February 6, 2025 at 10:15am via Zoom with Alexandria Stanley presiding. The agenda was approved as presented. The minutes of the January 27, 2025 meeting were approved as amended.

Remarks from the Vice Chairperson: Chastity is out today- nothing more to share.

Remarks from the Vice Provost of Undergraduate Education: Today is quarter term, by end of day should have official counts in, expectation is that we are doing well for retention for first & second year. Currently beating our goal for first year retention of 96% and are sitting around 97%.

Next week we will celebrate MSU's 170th birthday and we have weathered many storms. We are a values-based institution so no matter how the wind blows, our goals remain.

Withdrawal of federal funding will impact all university personnel. We have around \$83M in grants that are impacted by withdrawal order. We've received around \$33M already, but we still have \$50M outstanding. Feel this is just the beginning of possible impacts. Make sure you slow down and only do what we must do when we are required to do it because anticipating changes just causes more chaos. Respond with the tools we have at hand.

Remember, all MSU staff are still under FERPA and the amount of information we can share about students. If anyone asks for information regarding students no matter if they have a warrant or not, you need to contact DPPS, General Council, and your dean to ensure that we do not illegally comply with requests.

Values- Education is truly a transformational experience. Every human being's worth is inherent to them.

If anyone has any suggestions or concerns, publicly or privately, please feel free to reach out to Dr. Largent.

USFA is able to tackle updates in contracts if it is deemed important to raise concerns about timing of contracts as it relates the academic school year.

Curriculum Requests:

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Foreign Language (French & Spanish) minors: *Since the state of Michigan has changed requirements from individual endorsements to an endorsement Pre-K through Highschool*

- o *Discontinuation of all 4 minors have been approved by majority*

Urban & Community Forestry: Urban Forest Management already exists as a partnership with Community Colleges, but we had to create a new 2 year program that would eliminate the community college credit requirement and brings all of it to East Lansing

- o Approved with majority vote

Public & Engaged Arts & Humanities Certificate: Heard from students that they want structure and predictability and a certification. Citizen's Scholarship Program has donors that allow students to participate in study abroad programs and that is 2nd part of certification. Putting together some experiences that students already engage with and augment with additional experiences we think will be valuable to the community.

- o Approved with majority vote

Chemical Engineering Change: 3 part- clean-up as CHEM151 was listed twice so that extra is being removed. Changing from MMG to MGI prompted other changes.

- o Approved with majority

Round Table: No topics.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:09am.

Racheal Sandford

Approved: