

University Committee of Undergraduate Education

Draft Minutes

September 5, 2024



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Present: Mark Largent, Alexandra Stanley, Chastity Warren, Anthony Stanco, Laura Thompson, Gary Blanchard, Rebecca Malouin, Justin Micomonaco, Vashti Sawtelle, Thomas Summerhill, Ahmed Amir, Jennifer Goett, Jasnoor Kaur, Vansh Kher, Renata Opoczynski, Marissa King, Andrea Varricchione, Katherine Gallo, Emin Kutay, Helen Mayer, Amanda Idema, David Hogan, Sung Ham

Absent: Steven Gray

A regular meeting of the University Committee of Undergraduate Education was held on September 5, 2024, at 10:15am in STEM Rm 2110 with Alexandra Stanley, vice chair, presiding.

The agenda was approved as presented with 17 for.

The minutes of the April 11, 2024 meeting were approved as presented with 17 for.

Comments from the Vice Provost:

Welcome

This space has been a thoughtful and generative space.

The work that you do very much guides the work that you do.

Introductions

Transfer student policies and initiatives:

We reset the culture each year and typically this is what a chairperson would do.

Thinking like a representative of your academic unit and as a representative of the university please think about the following. Only 18% of transfers successfully do it so there is an increasing stress to better that rate. We are in the 10 ten transfer Universities. Has something to do with our ethos as a University- I have never seen transfer students seen as outsiders. We could increase the number of students that graduate as transfer students at a 1/3 of cost of just coming to MSU. Our funding is now based upon the Provost & Vice Provost signing a contract to better its transfer activities.

The 2 kinds of students we have are traditionally 82% & transfer students at 87%. We have the Michigan transfer agreement where if they meet the general requirements of their community college to obtain an associate degree.

Reform/revision of drops/withdraw policies

There are federal laws that must be met when they disenroll which could impact their ability to retake, etc. We may need to push or ask questions about.



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Curriculum reform processes

Responsible for approving new curriculum. We will think about issues in parallel in with UCC

We need to approach these things with a much more critical eye.

Each time we meet there is something new coming in.

You are doing work that is engagement.

The last thing I want this to be is transactional experience. There is a reciprocal component to this committee. If you run across issues, utilize your colleagues in this committee to help work through those issues.

Discussion & Vote: UCUE Chairperson & Vice Chairperson

Alexandrea has come back to be reelected as Vice Chair as the incumbent Vice Chair.

Mark Largent: I am looking for a volunteer to serve as the Chair of the University Committee of Undergraduate Education

Chastity Warren volunteered to be on the ballot to be elected Chair.

Professor Chastity Warren has been elected as Chair of UCUE with 16 for

Call for nominations for Vice Chair:

Alexandrea Stanley has been elected by majority vote to Vice Chair of UCUE with 16 for.

Discussion and Vote: In-person vs Virtual for remaining UCUE meetings

Voted to have remaining meetings entirely online with 8 for. *We will revisit having the last meeting in-person in a Spring 2025 meeting.*

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:11am

Racheal Sandford

Approved: