

Approved: November 20, 2018

2018-2019: Meeting # 2

**MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY COUNCIL APPROVED MINUTES
OCTOBER 16, 2018 3:15 PM
115 INTERNATIONAL CENTER**

Present: A. Adekson, A. Amalfitano, M. Apostle, K. Arivoli, W. Banzhaf, R. Bellon, G. Benitez, D. Blankfein-Tabachnick, Y. Bolumole, J. Brazil, N. Buch, B. Burke, S. Burton, J. Cholewicki, I. Clemente, L. Cloud, E. Connors, R. Conner-Warren, A. Contreras, R. Croson, T. Curry, A. Dunn, J. Dulebohn, P. Eisenlohr, S. Esquith, D. Ewoldsen, L. Fernandez, L. Fleck, K. Foley, D. Foran, J. Forger, A. Francisco, E. Frantz, J. Gaboury, B. German, S. Ghazal, T. Glasmacher, J. Goldbort, J. Guzzetta, K. Hampton, I. Hawkins, R. Hendrick, B. Holtz, G. Hoppenstand, B. Horne, R. Isaacs, T. Jeitschko, J. Johnson, M. Johnson, D. Kaminski, M. Kaplowitz, R. LaDuca, M. Largent, M.H. Lee, Y. Liu, S. Logan, C. Long, K. Luokkala, E. Marcyk-Taylor, D. Maybank, M. Mazei-Robison, R. McCurdy, J. McDowell, M. Mechtel, J. Meier, M. Miklavcic, R. Miksicek, D. Miner, D. Moriarty, B. Mullan, R. Ofoli, A. Olomu, A. Paganini, N. Parameswaran, , L. Ponoroff, J. Person, K. Petroni, D. Polischuk, R. Rasch, K. Rifiotis, D. Rivera, E. Rosser, M. Sedlak, J. She, J. Silvensky, M. Sitar, J. Slade, N. Smeltekop, S. Sreevatsan, E. Snyder, P. Soranno, J. St. Charles, G. Swain, Z. Szendrei, M.H. Tai, R. Tegtmeier, A. Tickner, L. Tortorelli, J. Vargas, A. Wheeler, C. Wiebrecht, A. Weismantel, J. Youatt.

Absent: R. Aridi, N. Beauchamp, B. Beekman, P. David, J. Engler, H. Fitzgerald, S. Garnett, J. Goddeeris, D. Gould, D. Handspike, G. Hussey, M. Jackson, E. Jaramillo, M. Kakos, R.J. Kirkpatrick, L. Lapidus, L. Mansfield, J. Powell, R. Root, R. Schwab, J. Seita, S. Shablin, M. Shammout, D. Straiton, E. Strangas, E. Torrez, M. Waddell, D. Westrin, P. White, A. Zeleke.

1. CALL TO ORDER

A motion to call the meeting to order was made and seconded at 3:17 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda for October 16, 2018

The **agenda for October 16** was **approved** as presented.

3. Approval of Draft Minutes for September 18, 2018

The **minutes for September 18, 2018** were **approved** as distributed.

4. Interim President's Remarks: Interim President Engler

Unable to attend.

5. Provost's Remarks: Dr. June Youatt

Provost Youatt reported that at the beginning of this year, the Director of University Outreach and Engagement, who led the University Outreach and Engagement Unit for many years retired. With that transition, she noted, there is an opportunity to look at Outreach and

Engagement on our Campus, and to ask the question “how will faculty and the work of our students need to be supported over the next 20 years.”

Provost Youatt asked: “How do we think about Outreach and Engagement as a University? How has our outreach mission changed our techniques for outreach? What does a real partnership mean in our communities? What kind of support do we need in order to foster those partnerships?”

Provost Youatt stated that MSU is beginning to conduct a review about Outreach and Engagement that will involve conversations across Campus, including an electronic survey. She added that there is currently a Steering Committee that is organizing the review. This Committee is not responsible for conducting the entire review, nor creating a set of specific recommendations, but they are involved in the guiding the process.

Provost Youatt said that if anyone has an interest in being more fully involved in that review process, to let her or Dr. Sonya Gunnings-Moton from the College of Education know. The Provost’s office will be happy to bring anyone into that conversation earlier rather than later.

Provost Youatt also said that a second initiative involves international students and their experience on our campus. This particular group, she stated, is creating a network of all of those offices on campus that are working on the student experience from student advising within the College as to how MSU is managing housing orientation and the off-campus life of our students.

Provost Youatt added that MSU is focusing initially on the University’s Chinese students, since they represent the largest international population on campus. Amanda Idema, from the College of Engineering, is organizing that network. This group, she stated, is to review ways to improve the international student experience at MSU, and that individuals are welcome to assist in this process.

Provost Youatt stated that she invites individuals to think about an Arts and Culture strategy for the entire MSU campus. She added that Arts and Culture should play a very large part in the life of individuals who are at a comprehensive university, where MSU really values the liberal arts and liberal education.

Provost Youatt stated that MSU continues to understand the linkages between the arts and other areas, whether those areas are engineering, mathematics, or science. MSU has been thinking for the last year about how the University brings together the assets of the University, and what kinds of experiences MSU would like. Particularly what the implications are for the use of space and extracurricular and curricular activities.

Provost Youatt said that Dr. Judith Stoddard, who is helping coordinate our arts access across campus, is one of several people who are working on this effort. She added that several Deans are involved in this effort as well, including Dean. Esquith, Dean Forger, Dean Long and Dean David.

Chairperson’s Remark: Dr. Rob LaDuca

Dr. LaDuca reported that a new way of voting has been developed. He said that MSU is using a website called Poll Everywhere (polleverywhere.com), that allows individuals to compose questions and receive anonymous votes, either by laptop or cell phone, via the text function.

Dr. LaDuca stated that Academic Governance has had requests for adding many items to the minutes, with individuals wanting their remarks included in full. He said that what is happening is that the minutes are “becoming hours and becoming days,” and not being minutes. He noted that an audio recording is made of every meeting, that is then transcribed by text recognition software.

Dr. LaDuca said that Academic Governance is happy to provide that full readout, which can run to many pages in length. He added that, if people are amenable, putting that full transcript online would be made available. But, the caveat, he noted, is little time will be spent fixing the unavoidable errors in spelling, or grammar, that may not be fixed by the software.

Dr. LaDuca noted that if people are willing to accept having the minutes accompanied by the text recognition software, that can be done. He asked for a show of hands at the University Council meeting who agree with this new initiative, which will allow supplementing the minutes with a full print transcript, but not eliminate the minutes. He then noted that there was agreement among the members of the University Council. Dr. LaDuca said that this change will allow the minutes just to capture highlights of the discussion, and the topics for the discussion.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1. University Committee on Curriculum (UCC) Report, Professor Marci Mechtel, UCC Chairperson ([Long Report](#), [click on link](#))

The UCC Report was presented by Dr. Mechtel. She reported that there were no new programs approved. She stated that regarding program changes, there were 18, with no program deletions. She stated that there were 51 new courses approved, 60-course changes approved, and 33-course deletions approved. Regarding moratoriums that were approved: a moratorium extension on a Creative Writing Minor was approved, effective Fall Semester of 2017 through Summer Semester of 2020; a moratorium on Food Safety and Toxicology (a Graduate Certificate) was approved, effective Spring Semester of 2019; a moratorium on a Food Safety Graduate Specialization was approved, effective Spring Semester of 2019 to Summer Semester of 2019; a moratorium extension on the Quantitative Biology Dual Major Ph.D. was approved, effective Spring Semester of 2018 to Spring Semester of 2021; and a moratorium on a Religion in America's Minor was approved, effective Fall Semester of 2018 through Fall Semester of 2019.

A motion to approve the Report was made and seconded. **The motion carried. Via [polleverywhere.com](#)**

6.2. University Council Presidential Search Committee Proposal, Accepted MSU Practice, Professor Deborah Moriarty, Vice Chairperson

Professor Moriarty presented a motion that the Board of Trustee members serving on the Presidential Search committee would serve as non-voting members of that Committee, with voice but no vote, which eliminates double-voting, which is standard MSU search committee practice. This would eliminate the concern of the MSU

community regarding any potential conflict of interest. Professor Moriarty noted that this same motion was voted on in Faculty Senate, with 57 votes in favor, 0 votes not in favor, and 1 abstention.

A motion was made to approve the Proposal and was seconded. Voting was made via polleverywhere.com. Discussion ensued. The results were: 94 votes approved, and 0 votes disapproved. **The motion carried.**

6.3. Discipline and Dismissal of Tenured Faculty Policy, by University Committee on Faculty Affairs (UCFA) and University Committee on Faculty Tenure (UCFT), for Endorsement, Professor Len Fleck, UCFA Chairperson

A motion was made by Dr. Fleck requesting from University Council to support the presentation of a letter from the University Committee on Faculty Affairs and the University Committee on Faculty Tenure to the Board of Trustees that states that MSU faculty are unwilling to approve these changes, as they have been currently presented, regarding the current Discipline and Dismissal of Tenured Faculty Policy. A friendly amendment was added requesting the Board of Trustees revert to the previous Policy of Spring Semester, 2018. The motion was seconded. Discussion ensued. **The motion carried.**

6.4. MSU Candidacy for the MSU Board of Trustees, Candidates Brianna Scott (D), Kelly Tebay (D), Dave Dutch (R) and Mike Miller (R)

A presentation was made by each of the above four MSU Board of Trustees candidates regarding their positions for the two Board of Trustee positions. Discussion ensued.

6.5. Information Session with Mayor Mark Meadows Regarding the East Lansing City Income Tax Impacts on the MSU Faculty, Staff, Advisors, and Students

Mayor Mark Meadows discussed the new City of East Lansing Income Tax, and its impact of MSU faculty, staff, advisors, and students, which will go into effect January 1, 2019.

7. Comments from the floor

None

8. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded. **The motion carried. Time: 5:04 p.m.**