1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:15 PM.

2. Approval of Agenda for January 24, 2017

The agenda for January 24, 2017 was approved as amended.


The minutes for November 29, 2016 were approved as amended.

4. President’s Remarks – Dr. Lou Anna K. Simon

President Simon stated that the reports that are being published in the papers were a little bit higher than expected, but it was not the revenue estimate that was the basis for MSU’s budget this year. President Simon added that the Michigan Governor's State of the State
speech did not reference higher education. The funding numbers that MSU is hearing from the State are very modest and inflation-like.

President Simon stated that MSU still has to work very hard regarding its budget, because the University of Michigan, Michigan State, and Wayne State are all part of five State universities that are below the 2011 funding levels. Thus, the strategy for MSU is how best to continue to work with a changing cast in the House, the Senate, and with the budget director, in order to rectify that budget gap.

At the federal level, President Simon reported that there is a “good news/bad news” scenario regarding funding. She states a cautionary note that infrastructure is a high priority both in the state and in the nation, and that loss of money and loss of support, both at the state level and the national level to pay for infrastructure, may affect University Funding in the future.

In Michigan, President Simon notes, there is a requirement for a balanced budget. At the Federal level there is not, thus what needs to be watched carefully is the deficit cap, specifically regarding how Budgetary matters will be aligned. The good news is that there is great optimism that the kinds of things that MSU does (if you read the New York Times article about being a value-added university on social viability), and if you look at the capacity to do both fundamental research, and then apply those cutting edge solutions and ideas, moving them into translational research in communities and in places around the world, then those are all valued and valuable.

5. **Provost’s Remarks – Dr. June Youatt**

Provost Youatt reminded those in attendance that in two weeks the faculty awards convocation and the University address will be held. Provost Youatt added that because those being awarded for their research and teaching are peer faculty members and colleagues, it is important to come and support the event.

Provost Youatt also stated that at the December MSU Board of Trustees meeting, the Board approved planning for inter-disciplinary science building that would be built on campus. Its location is yet to be determined. This new structure would serve as primarily a research facility for faculty, which would support scientists who have projects that would benefit from being co-located. Provost Youatt added that because of this development, people will be newly hired as part of the global impact initiative. In addition, it will also mean that there are spaces across campus that can be opened up and renovated for other faculty. Provost Youatt noted that this important development has that domino effect at MSU for making new spaces for a number of people who are working in a variety of research areas areas.

6. **Chair Remarks – Professor Deborah Moriarty**

Professor Moriarty reported that with the upcoming meetings of the Faculty Senate and University Council, audience seating will be moved back one row because this will assist the sound recording engineer in ensuring that there will be no sound delays or other problems with meeting recordings.

Professor Moriarty also thanked President Simon for her work in drafting an important campus climate statement with faculty that will be distributed widely at MSU. Professor Moriarty then read the Statement. ([Click here to view the Faculty Statement](#)).
7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1. University Committee on Curriculum Report, Professor Jerry Urquhart

The University Committee on Curriculum Report was presented. A motion to approve the report was first and seconded. **The motion carried.**

7.2. Cyber Security, Data Breach Free Service, Rob McCurdy, Associate Vice President and Interim Chief Information Officer and Seth Edgar, Information Technology and Security Services Director

Rob McCurdy and Seth Edgar presented the steps to enroll in Identity Theft Protection (click on link), a free service from MSU. Please go to ciso@msu.edu (click on link) to enroll. Rob McCurdy was introduced, who then introduced Seth Edgar, the Head of Security at MSU. Edgar presented information that MSU employees need to know in order to protect their identity. He identified the authoritative source for gathering information regarding the data breach that occurred on November 13th.

Edgar stated that it is easy to enroll in the identity theft protection at MSU. He then demonstrated the ease by which registration can be accomplished, either by phone (the number being listed on the website), or online (also listed on the website). Edgar noted that enrolling online involves a very simple five-step process. To enroll via the phone, it takes less than eight minutes. He highly recommends that everybody sign-up, so even if employees have friends and family who are not directly impacted by this MSU security data breach, they should sign up through alternate means as well. Edgar reminded those in attendance that it is just good practice in today's world to take advantage of the identity theft enrollment protection being offered by MSU.

Provost Youatt noted that the cost for this two years of protection is free of charge to the 400,000 MSU students, faculty and staff who may have been affected by the security breach.

7.3. Behavioral Health Update - Dr. David Weismantel, University Physician

It was reported that MSU has an increased demand for Behavioral Health Services within our student population, and that is very consistent with national trends seen everywhere else. MSU is looking to provide adequate and timely direct service, to better meet the need for appointments, and respond effectively to the increased acuity coming into the counseling center of psychiatry, as well as the severity of student issues. MSU fully understands that there is a definite need and demand for these services.

After considerable planning and review a new model and new system has been developed, a multi-disciplinary inter-professional model, meaning that the psychiatrist/psychologist, social workers, and nurses are all going to be working in
concert together, not just consulting with each other as they do in our current system, but actually working together and meeting about students who are of particular concern.

This new approach is fully integrated. It would include primary care, and it will include health promotion strategies. The first step that is being taken is to establish the integrated counseling and psychiatric/psychological services (CAPS). MSU will be looking as ways to increase the University’s compliment of counseling services, and actually see how the University makes better use of what it has and what is needed to better serve the students. Part of this process will involve collaborating with people on the outside MSU’s community partners. MSU will look to embed counseling providers in the neighborhoods, and these people would not only provide counseling services to students, but also might provide programming within the neighborhoods.

8. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was first and seconded. The motion carried. 4:23 p.m.