MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY COUNCIL MINUTES
INTERNATIONAL CENTER, ROOM 115
FEBRUARY 23, 2016 - 3:15-5:00 P.M.


1. CALL TO ORDER: 3:18

2. Approval of Agenda for February 23, 2016: APPROVED.

3. Public Comments (2 minute time limit per speaker; 10 minutes total for comments) - NONE

4. Approval of Draft Minutes for January 26, 2016: APPROVED.

5. President’s Remarks – Lou Anna K. Simon

   During the recent Board of Trustees meeting there was lengthy discussion regarding the on-going situation in Flint. There are links on our webpage from the Extension Programs and the College of Human Medicine work in the Flint area. MSU will continue to be a part of the solutions for Flint.

   The budget hearing for Michigan State is scheduled for the first week in March. The recommendation is for a 3.9% increase with a total increase of 4.3% for higher education. There are five institutions that remain below the 2011 levels with three of the five being
the major research institutions. The good news is that these numbers are within the planning parameters that we have been using for the 2017 budget. The Extension and Experiment Station for the AgBio Research budget was essentially capped at the 2011 levels. No other part of the budget was capped at that level. This is the first time that these budgets were less than the average.

The Cornell West presentation was very well attended. There was an overflow crowd and a thoughtful set of comments that urges us to be self-reflective in what we do every day that impacts others. It is important that we take the time to engage with others. It doesn’t require special programs or facilities. It just takes time. Universities are one of the places that can be anchors for the difficult discussions ahead of us. The combination and diversity of faculty, staff and students provides an excellent environment for moving forward.

6. Provost’s Remarks – June Youatt

On February 25th we will be hosting Dr. Mark Waller, an Environmental Water Quality expert from Virginia Tech. He worked closed with Dr. Mona Hanna-Attishya and will lead discussion of the role of Land Grant Universities in environmental situations like that in Flint.

There will soon be an announcement of the new director of the Broad Art Museum.

The Law College has named its 12th Dean, Dr. Lawrence Ponoroff, from Arizona and will be here beginning on July 1st.

Thanks to Kelly Funk for her leadership of the Accreditation process for 2016.

7. The Steering Committee Chairperson’s Remarks – Professor Mary Noel

There are upcoming elections; and you are encouraged to participate in this process.

Please provide suggestions regarding a conference room that could be used on campus for the CIC Academic Governance Conference next September. Send recommendations to the Office of Academic Governance.

8. OLD BUSINESS - NONE

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1. University Accreditation Update, Kelly Funk, Senior Specialist, Provost’s Office. The accreditation site visit is scheduled for April 4 and 5, 2016. There will be an eight-member team drawn from the Higher Education Commission’s 19 regions, including a variety of institutions. We know that there will be two from the Conference on Institutional Cooperation (CIC)—Ohio State University and Purdue University. The meetings will be conducted all of Monday and a half day on Tuesday. The 35,000 word review document is available for review on the website for Accreditation. The visitation team will use the document to determine what information it will be looking for during the visit. There will be a series of open meetings for the campus community during its visit. We will receive a copy of its report within a month that we can review for errors of fact. The final notification of the decisions by the Commission will probably occur in early fall 2016.
9.2. Recommended Amendments to the Bylaws for Academic Governance and Restructure of UCAG, and ASMSU Bill 52-50, Professor Debra Nails, Chair, University Committee on Academic Governance

Professor Debra Nails presented a motion to approve the recommended amendments to the Bylaws for Academic Governance as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Professor Nails moved to approve the recommendations regarding the re-structuring of the University Committee on Academic Governance. In preparing the motion, UCAG accommodated the recommendations from the ASMSU Bill 52-50 regarding ASMSU membership on the Committee. **MOTION CARRIED**

Professor Nails moved to carry out the intent of the Bylaws 4.3.1 during the spring semester of 2016 prior to its formal approval by the Board of Trustees in order to have the committee membership for 2016 elected by the Colleges. **MOTION CARRIED**

9.3. Information Technology Update on IT Security, Joanna Young, Rob McCurdy, Kevin Kuss and Barb Dawson, Office of the Vice President and CIO for IT Services

Vice President Joanna Young presented *Transforming MSU’s Information Technology* which identified three pillars that are a focus for Information Technology (IT) operations and planning. The first is to *Strengthen*. This area focuses on improvement in a wide variety of systems that are used across the campus. The second pillar is *Alignment*. It is important that unique needs of the individuals are being met with flexibility as well as a consistent level of support. The third pillar is *Innovation*, which works toward developing innovations in the way people communicate in the classroom and research laboratory. There are three major areas of work: Office 365, Security, and Research Administration.

Rob McCurdy presented a review of security issues for IT. The focus is on strengthening and aligning the security principles and best practices for the many stakeholders across campus.

The integration of the Office 365 email systems has been implemented for all undergraduate students. IT professionals across campus were extremely important in making this transition efficient. The next steps will include a pilot program within a selected College; implementation of the programs will be voluntary for the Colleges.

The current Kuali-Coeus project has been underway for the past few years. The project will include services and support for pre-award, award, and follow-up for research faculty, and office support for Grants and Contracts.

Other projects that are ongoing are, but are not limited to, a Student Success Initiative that is sponsored by the Provost’s Office, residence hall Wi-Fi access, a new electronic medical record system, upgrading the campus network, and research storage solutions with new capacity.

9.4. Curriculum Report for January: Professor Gerald Urquhart, Chairperson, University Committee on Curriculum. **ACCEPTED.**

10. Comments from the Floor - **NONE**

11. **ADJOURNMENT**: 4:20 PM