MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
April 19, 2016 - 3:15-5:00 P.M.
INTERNATIONAL CENTER, ROOM 115


1. CALL TO ORDER 3:15

2. Approval of Agenda for April 19, 2016 – Approved as distributed.

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

4. Approval of Draft Minutes for March 15, 2016 – Approved as distributed.

5. President’s Remarks – Lou Anna K. Simon – out of town

6. Provost’s Remarks – June Youatt

   Thank you to all of you for the participation and dedication to the work of the Senate over the past year, especially with the recently completed institution-wide accreditation review. Under the new format, the exit interview did not provide us with any specific comments, the final report will be more detailed and be presented later this year. Overall, the visit went well.

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

   The By-Laws for Academic Governance revisions that were approved by the University Council have been approved by the MSU Board of Trustees at their April meeting. The new by-laws are posted on the Academic Governance website. The members of the University Committee on Academic Governance are to be commended for their work in updating the By-laws.

   Thank you to the Faculty Senator members for your participation and support throughout the past year. Congratulations to Deborah Moriarty as Chair-elect and Laura McCabe as Vice Chair-elect of the Faculty Senate and Steering Committee for 2016-2017.

8. OLD BUSINESS
8.1. Committee Reports – Chairperson Noel asked that written reports be submitted to the Secretary for Academic Governance by end of the week. UCFA, UCFT and FHCC gave reports verbally.

University Committee on Faculty Affairs, Professor John Bell, Chairperson

The Faculty Market Pool Recommendations has been completed and will be presented to the faculty later in today’s meeting. The committee has completed its review of the Faculty Grievance Officer. Additionally, there have been discussions regarding a Statement of Freedom of Expression and the committee members suggested that the discussion be expanded to the Senators in an executive session of the Faculty Senate in the fall semester.

University Committee on Faculty Tenure, Professor Michael Dease, Chairperson

The Committee completed and prepared a report on their discussions and evaluation of the Retention, Promotion and Tenure Memorandum that is sent to faculty. There was general agreement that this memorandum should be distributed to faculty in April rather than waiting until September.

Faculty Healthcare Council, Professor John Powell, Chairperson

The Council continues to work on the proposal for an on-site faculty and academic staff family practice center. The proposal, along with the financial models, that has been developed has been presented to a third party for evaluation. The report of their findings will be available in the fall. In addition, Council members continue to work with Human Resources on faculty benefit plans and the evaluation of on-going programs such as Best Doctors. The Steering Committee re-appointed William Davidson (Social Science) and Deborah Moriarty (Music) and appointed Katherine Dontje (Nursing) and John Kosciulek (Education) to the Council.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1. University Committee on Curriculum, Monthly Report, Professor Gerald Urquhart, Chairperson

Chairperson Urquhart moved to approve the Report. Details of the report can be found on the Committee’s website. The Report was approved.

9.2. Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics (COIA), Professor Martin Crimp, Vice-Chairperson

The mission of the COIA is to promote the academic integrity of our university, and to represent the interests of our facilities, non-athlete students and student-athletes in matters related to college sports that can significantly affect the health, sustainability and educational missions of our institutions. Professor Martin Crimp gave a presentation to the members and can be seen here: Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics (COIA)

9.3. Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics (COIA), Appointment of Faculty Senate Representative, Professor Mary Noel, Chairperson

In the past the Steering Committee has appointed a faculty member to be the MSU COIA representative. As COIA members generally represent University faculty, the
Steering Committee preferred that the MSU representative be appointed by the Faculty Senate. The Steering Committee recommends that Martin Crimp be appointed to that post for a period of five years. A motion was made and seconded to appoint Martin Crimp as the MSU COIA representative for a term of five years. **MOTION APPROVED.**

9.4. University Committee on Undergraduate Studies, Change in Mathematics Requirements for Undergraduate Graduation, Professor Gary Hoppenstand, Chairperson

Provost Youatt reported in Chairperson Hoppenstand’s absence. After 10 years, a modification of the graduation requirements for MSU students has been recommended. Instead of meeting the mathematics requirements simply by being proficient in college algebra, the requirement will be Quantitative Literacy. The new requirement may include college algebra as well as additional coursework.

9.5. University Committee on Faculty Affairs, Salary Recommendations, Professor John Bell, Chairperson

The salary recommendations for the general market pool and faculty salary for fiscal year 2017 identify a 4.75% increase this year, which includes a 4% general merit pool increase and a 0.75% market adjustment pool increase. A motion was made to approve. **MOTION APPROVED.**

10. Comments from the Floor

None

11. ADJOURNMENT 4:13p.m.