1. **CALL TO ORDER**

   The meeting was called to order at 3:17 PM.

2. **Approval of Agenda** for November 1, 2016

   The *agenda for November 1, 2016 was approved* as distributed.

3. **Approval of Draft Minutes** for October 4, 2016

   The *draft minutes for October 4, 2016 was approved* as distributed.

4. **President’s Remarks:** Dr. Lou Anna K. Simon – out of town

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

   1) Provost Youatt reported that the University-wide Investiture Ceremony for named Chair and professorships, held on Friday, October 28th, was a success. She noted that positive feedback was received from deans, faculty, donors and alumni.

      Provost Youatt also noted the recent ‘bad behavior’ and excessive drinking of students has stimulated by football games and Halloween. She said that these situations are aggravated by a relatively small number of students, but that they are nonetheless offensive in nature and place a strain on the East Lansing Police Department and local hospitals. Though attempts are made beforehand to talk to students before such activities occur about the risk and dangers of this bad behavior, such attempts were not successful in preventing rude or offensive conduct. Provost Youatt stated that faculty involvement in enhancing “campus climate” must be improved, so that the academic integrity and excellence of our Institution is not compromised.

   2) Provost Youatt provided an update on University Deans: Dean Kirkpatrick from College of Natural Sciences, who has served nine years in that position, has decided to step back into a faculty role. He has maintained his research program for the past nine years, has won a national recognition, and just wants to go back to why he started all this in the first place. A search committee has been launched. Provost Youatt stated that these transitions always provided tremendous opportunity on campus, and it is always difficult to loose good people. The new Dean for Human Medicine, Norman Beauchamp, Human
Medicine was welcomed to the University last week.

3) Dr. Terry Curry, Associate Provost and Associate Vice President of Academic Human Resources, stated that we need names from this Committee for the search for the Dean of the Graduate School, and that we need names from this Committee, including graduate students, on the University Committee on Graduate Studies. It was reported that Academic Governance will send out a Memorandum to the Steering Committee requesting recommendations.

6. Chairperson’s Remarks: Professor Deborah Moriarty

6.1. Title IX Report (click on link)
Professor Moriarty suggested to click on the link to locate the report and stated it is very user friendly and informative. Jessica Norris has not come in to talk about this report, but she can if the Steering Committee would desire it.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1. Study Abroad, Tony Ogden, Executive Director of Education Abroad and Exchanges

Tony Ogden presented a slide presentation on Education Abroad at MSU. He stated that we have a little over 2,600 students who studied abroad for Michigan State, for credit, in 2014-15. He added that we are one of the most internationally engaged institutions in the country. We have strong central support, thanks to our Provost and our President, and there is truly a deep and pervasive culture of study abroad here at this University.

He also said that we have a strong Freshman Seminar Program, an active American Semester Program. Illustrating where MSU stands with the trends right now. He concluded that the numbers of our student participants in Study Abroad are relatively flat, suggesting that our numbers are not really decreasing in any significant way, we're just not growing at the same rate as everyone else in the Big Ten. This situation is because our Study Abroad programs are among the most expensive in the country. The average program cost for a four-week program is $10,002. He concluded by stating that he has met extensively with University Colleges and other key offices on campus to develop a strategy to diversify and incentivize growth of Study Abroad. This information will go to University Council on November 29th.

7.2. Campus Safety Deputy John Prush, Deputy Director of Management Services Bureau, Department of Police and Public Safety

Deputy Prush reported that the reason for blocking off some spaces for Football Games at MSU on Friday afternoon, in particular, including the spaces on West Circle, are to reserve enough space for the visiting team’s band, so that they would have a place to park that was nearby, where they could practice, unload their equipment, and be at the stadium on time on game day. By not reserving them ahead of time, those spaces will fill up with vehicles that would park overnight, resulting in a lack of parking areas for the visiting team’s band.
Professor Moriarty asked Deputy Prush about reserved lease parking spaces. She noted that the game-night parking policy impacts people in the college of music who are having evening rehearsals, which is when students and faculty rehearse, because classes are held during the daytime. She added that the College of Music is open until the doors lock at 11 o'clock at night, meaning that the students who come to rehearse, or faculty who come back to rehearse at the College of Music, have no place to park.

Addressing the concern about parking problems in the structure that replaced the old Morrill Hall, Deputy Prush stated that we can definitely look into pulling the gate down. The original intention in that ramp, Grand River Ramp, Ramp 6, the first floor and down were designated for visitor parking, but the challenges that we have had was that visitor parking was becoming full, and departments were buying and issuing visitor hang tags, that they wanted to be able to have access to the ramp. Deputy Prush concluded that DPS can definitely review current policy and practices, and put the gate down.

Deputy Prush stated that for Fall Semester of 2017, the All University Traffic and Transportation Committee (AUTTC) made a recommendation to Police Chief Dunlap to make a significant change to moped operation on campus, including banning mopeds from parking at bike racks on campus, which would help prevent mopeds driving on sidewalks.

Provost Youatt noted that there is concern about the number of academic units that are requesting parking permits for students, so that they can get a parking permit to park in Faculty-Staff places. Provost Youatt added that especially around buildings in their fields, if there is limited, convenient parking, we have students who have permission to park in those places, which adds to faculty parking frustration.

Wrapping up his discussion, Deputy Prush said that he will come to University Council to speak on plans for moped operation on campus for the future, as well as other parking issues.

7.3. Faculty Involvement in Campus Climate, Professor Deborah Moriarty

Professor Moriarty stated that one of the things that happened as a result of The Big 10 Academic Alliance Conference was the request to put issues surrounding “Campus Climate” on the agenda, and talk about faculty governments’ involvement in Campus Climate. Realizing that, Professor Moriarty added that we thought we would make it a bigger issue, and bring it to the Faculty Senate at MSU. She explained that there are many programs that we have at the university involving Campus Climate, but that there does not seem to be a great deal of faculty involvement. Additionally, the faculty is the only group of people where we actually have an effect for every single student. So they have a tremendous amount of influence. And it's a question of what can we do to help with the campus climate, and use the expertise of the Faculty Senate to come up with some ideas.

As part of the Faculty Senate’s involvement, John Beck will provide an interactive session at the next Faculty Senate meeting. The results of this interactive session will be typed and distributed.
7.4. Committee Reports:

University Committee on Faculty Affairs (UCFA) – Chairperson Phyllus Floyd reported that efforts are underway in UCFA to develop a process to evaluate online courses and learning, including the assessment of student learning with online courses.

University Committee on Curriculum (UCC) – Chairperson Jerry Urquhart reported that campus-wide grade inflation is part of the UCC’s initiative. Plans are underway to obtain from Dr. Doug Estry the very extensive study that was conducted on the issue of grade inflation.

University Committee on Academic Governance (UCAG) – Chairperson Gayle Lourens reported that UCAG needed to look at the University Bylaws to see how Academic Specialists should be defined in Academic Governance.

University Committee on Faculty Tenure (UCFT) – Chairperson Michael Dease stated that he will send his report the following day.

University Committee on Graduate Studies (UCGS) – Jeremy Francis for Chairperson Chris Hogan reported that UCAG is reviewing best practices regarding how to make MSU more competitive in attracting new graduate students, including examining such issues as health coverage and student benefits.

University Committee on Undergraduate Education (UCUE) – Chairperson Richard Miksickeck stated that there will be various issues that UCUE will be addressing, including online note-taking

University Committee on Student Affairs (UCSA) – Chairperson Jason Porter was not in attendance to give report.

Council of Graduate Students (COGS) – Because of lack of time, COGS was not able to provide a report.

8. Comments from the floor
None


9.1. Academic Advancement Network, Dr. Elizabeth Simmons, Associate Provost and Dean of Lyman Briggs (Appendix) (Information Item)

9.2. University Committee on Curriculum Report, Professor Jerry Urquhart (Action Item) (Appendix)

9.3. Faculty Involvement in Campus Climate, Professor John Beck, Human Resources and Labor Relations and Jessica Norris, Title IX Coordinator, Office of Institutional Equity (Information Item)

9.4. Faculty Senate Survey, Professor Deborah Moriarty (Information Item) (Appendix)

Motion to approve the draft agenda for Faculty Senate for November 8, 2016 was seconded and carried.

10.1. Study Abroad, Tony Ogden, Executive Director of Education Abroad and Exchanges (Information Item)
10.2. Campus Safety, Deputy John Prush, Deputy Director of Management Services Bureau, Department of Police and Public Safety (Information Item)

10.3. University Committee on Curriculum Report, Professor Jerry Urquhart (Information Item) (Appendix)

Motion to approve the draft agenda for University Council for November 29, 2016 was seconded and carried.

11. ADJOURNMENT – Motion to adjourn and seconded 4:51 PM