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2016-2017: Meeting # 3

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY COUNCIL MINUTES
November 29, 2016, 3:15 PM
115 INTERNATIONAL CENTER


1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:15 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda for November 29, 2016

The agenda for November 29th was approved as presented.

3. Approval of Draft Minutes for September 20, 2016

The draft minutes for September 20th, 2016 was approved as distributed.

4. President’s Remarks: Dr. Lou Anna K. Simon
President Simon stated that as we both close the semester and begin a new one, we should not be uncertain about our role in the future with how we craft that set of principles and values in ways that adhere to the land grant spirit. President Simon noted that our commitment to being among the best in the world in terms of knowledge, hope, and possibilities has survived and thrived in times of uncertainty.

President Simon added that as individuals think about beginning the new semester, she would urge colleagues to spend a little bit of time during this period thinking about what you could do as an individual, what you do collectively with your colleagues that are nearest to you, and what you do with your colleagues across the University in your highly collaborative, and interactive, and interesting way.

5. Provost’s Remarks: Dr. June Youatt – Out of Town

6. Chairperson’s Remarks: Professor Deborah Moriarty

Professor Moriarty wished everyone Happy Holidays and introduced the Executive Director of Education Abroad and Exchanges, Tony Ogden.

7. NEW BUSINESS

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

Tony Ogden reported that we had 2,668 MSU students studying abroad for credit in 2014. By all measures, MSU has a strong reputation for being one of the most internationally-engaged institutions in the country. He added that we have strong central support and engaged leadership throughout the University. He also stated that we have a robust portfolio, thanks in large part to MSU faculty and staff.

Tony Ogden states that with the class of 2015, over 21% had earned credit abroad through Education Abroad. That's something to be very proud of and it's much higher than the national average of about 14.8%.

He concluded his presentation by explaining the value of Education Abroad regarding student engagement and subsequent employment opportunities following graduation, as well explaining the benefits for faculty teaching in the Education Abroad program, which encourages faculty to internationalize their own teaching practices.

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

Deputy Prush shared a program that MSU initiated for a safety campaign last year that was called “Move Safe.” He explained that the intent of Move Safe is ensuring that people are safe on campus when they are moving “from Point A to Point B.”

Deputy Prush discussed the various concerns regarding safe transportation at MSU. He noted that our own community policing model was closely reviewed regarding how MSU could best use a “community policing model,” while also looking at what peer institutions have done, in order to see how to implement similar best practices.
7.3.  University Committee on Curriculum Report, Professor Jerry Urquhart
   Long Report (Click on link)
   Professor Urquhart presented the University Committee on Curriculum Report. A motion to approve the report was seconded. The motion carried.

8.  Comments from the floor
   None

9.  ADJOURNMENT
   The meeting adjourned at 4:18 PM.