

1. CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order at 3:15 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda for April 24, 2018
A motion was made to amend the agenda and was first and seconded. The motion carried. A second motion was made by Andaluna Borcila to have an emergency Faculty Senate meeting immediately following the University Council meeting. The motion was first and seconded. The motion carried. A third motion was made by Andaluna Borcila to withdraw the Resolution (7.1.) from the University Council agenda and place it on the Emergency Faculty Senate meeting for discussion and vote. After further discussion, the motion was first and seconded. The motion carried. A motion to approve the amended agenda was made and seconded. Discussion ensued. Dr. Gary
Hoppenstand stated that this resolution was originally intended to be voted on by Faculty Senate at the previous meeting, but time ran out at that meeting. The motion to approve the amended agenda carried.

3. Approval of Draft Minutes for March 27, 2018
   The minutes for March 27, 2018 were approved as distributed.

4. President’s Remarks: Interim John Engler
   Not present.

5. Provost’s Remarks: Dr. June Youatt
   Not present.

6. Vice Chairperson’s Remarks: Professor Deborah Moriarty
   Professor Moriarty asked that any comments from the floor be held at the appropriate time on the agenda, so as not to derail or delay University Council business as identified on the agenda. She asked that regarding comments from the floor, people whom are not members of the University Council, please wait until the end of the meeting for comments. She added that if members need to leave the meeting before the Faculty Senate emergency meeting please check in with Sherry Lott, as there needs to be a quorum for the Faculty Senate emergency meeting. Professor Moriarty stated that despite the fact that it has been a very difficult year at MSU, that she is proud to be a member of the MSU faculty, a faculty that has responded actively to the traumas endured by the University.

   Professor Moriarty invited the At-Large members of the Steering Committee to offer any comments, and identified Dr. Rob LaDuca as the incoming Chair of The Steering Committee and Faculty Senate. Dr. LaDuca stated that he wants to hear from all types of faculty voices, especially during this critical “lynchpin” time in MSU’s history. He said that he wants to get to know people, be available for coffee and a chat, and to get to know people and their concerns, in order to help the University to move forward.

NEW BUSINESS

6.1. University Committee on Curriculum (UCC) Report, Professor Marci Mechtel, UCC Chairperson (Short Report) (Long Report, click on Link)
   Dr. Mechtel reported that four new programs from the College of Communication Arts and Sciences, were approved, all Graduate Certificate Programs, effective Fall Semester of 2018. There were also 20 program changes, and no program deletions. She added that 13 new courses were approved, 29 course changes were approved, and one course deletion was approved. Regarding moratoriums, Dr. Mechtel stated that only one moratorium was approved for one semester, during Spring Semester of 2019, for Computer Science Disciplinary Teaching Minor for Secondary English Education. A motion to approve the Report was made and seconded. The motion carried.

6.2. Classroom Safety, Deputy Chief Kelly Roudebush, MSU Police and Public Safety
   Did not show.

6.3. Mathematics Reform, Mark Largent, Associate Dean, Undergraduate Studies and Interim Dean, Lyman Briggs
Dr. Largent reported on the MSU Gateway Math Reform, which involves a major change in what first-year students will experience when they come to MSU. This change will offer greater support to all students at the University, without lowering standards (and, perhaps, in some instances, raising standards). Such a change, he notes, promotes a better “growth mindset” for the students. Discussion ensued.

6.4. Proposed Changes to Academic Governance Bylaws, Dr. Gayle Lourens, University Committee on Academic Governance (UCAG) Chairperson
Dr. Lourens stated the purpose of the University By-Law recommendations being made is to recognize Academic Specialists as faculty in the University By-Laws, with voting privileges. She notes that these recommendations give Academic Specialists an opportunity to serve on University Committees. She added that UCAG has been working on this process for two years. She state that these recommendations reaffirm the value of the Academic Specialists at MSU. A motion to approve this recommendation was made and seconded. Discussion ensued. The motion carried.

7. Comments from the floor
Appiagyei-Dankah, from ASMSU, stated this is her last University Council meeting as she is graduating. She thanked everyone and introduced her successor, the new Vice President of Academic Affairs of ASMSU, Dillion Westrin.

Dr. Gary Hoppenstand thanked Dr. Laura McCabe for her wonderful work during the year as The Steering Committee and Faculty Senate Chairperson. He also thanked the Steering Committee as a whole and the At-Large Members of The Steering Committee specifically, for their dedication and hard work.

Professor Moriarty expressed thanks to Dr. Gary Hoppenstand and Sherry Lott for their work in Academic Governance. She noted that tremendous amount of time was required in assembling votes and answering emails, as well as addressing many other questions and concerns about the governance process. She added that both have been troopers and have been an immense help to the At-Large Members of the Steering Committee. Finally yet importantly, she thanked the MSU faculty as well.

8. ADJOURNMENT
A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The motion carried. 3:53pm.