1. CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order at 3:21 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda for November 20, 2018
The agenda for November 20, 2018 was approved as presented.

3. Approval of Draft Minutes for October 16
The minutes for October 16, 2016 were approved as distributed.

4. Interim President’s Remarks: Interim President Engler (unable to attend)

5. Provost’s Remarks: Dr. June Youatt
The Provost reported that MSU is celebrating the promotion of the Assistant Professors to Associate Professors, and the promotion of Associate Professors to Full Professors. She also noted the opening of Wilson Road, which will allow individuals to drive off campus, instead of driving around various barriers.
6. **Chairperson’s Remark:** Dr. Rob LaDuca

Dr. LaDuca was ill therefore, Deborah Moriarty presided. Professor Moriarty reported that the previous week at the Faculty Senate meeting, a discussion was held about the University Bylaws regarding the new additions and changes in the Bylaws. She stated that it was basically thought by many people in Faculty Senate that a discussion of the proposed changes should be moved back to the various relevant committees. She noted that the motion for the proposed Bylaws revisions was sent to the Steering Committee by email, and that recently the University Committee on Academic Governance (UCAG) created proposed University Bylaws changes, with regards to Faculty Governance matters.

Professor Moriarty said that the Steering Committee and the Provost have agreed that the relevant University Standing Committees should examine the proposed Bylaws changes, and recommend additions, deletions, and other edits by the end of January 2019. Then, she added, the Steering Committee should formally examine and possibly ratify these recommended changes at their regularly scheduled February 2019 meetings. The recommendations will then be passed onto UCAG, and then the full University Council will discuss and vote on the full and complete package of Bylaws, prior to being sent to the Board of Trustees for their approval in March 2019. She stated that this is the calendar that currently exists at this point in time, and that recommendations will go back to the Steering Committee, and then back to UCAG.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

7.1. **University Committee on Curriculum (UCC) Report, Professor Marci Mechtel, UCC Chairperson (Long Report, click on link)**

Dr. Mechtel reported that the UCC approved two new programs, highlighted by a Master's of Science degree in Nutrition and Dietetics, effective Spring Semester of 2019, and a Quantitative Risk Analytics Bachelor of Science degree, effective Fall Semester of 2019. Additionally, she said the UCC approved twelve program changes and three program deletions. Regarding courses, the UCC approved thirty-four new courses, seventy-four course changes and thirteen course deletions. Dr. Mechtel added that regarding moratoriums: a moratorium was approved for the Geological Sciences Ph.D. program, effective Spring Semester of 2019 to Spring Semester of 2024; a moratorium in the Computer Science Disciplinary Teaching Minor for Elementary and Secondary Education was approved, effective Spring Semester of 2019; and a moratorium in the Ethics and Development Graduate Specialization was approved, effective Spring Semester of 2018.

7.2. **Discussion of the Minutes of The Steering Committee, Faculty Senate and University Council, Professor Deborah Moriarty, Vice Chairperson**

Professor Moriarty discussed the option of keeping the Faculty Senate and Steering Committee minutes to issues involving action items and highlighted major issues of discussions. She added that a full print and audio transcript of each meeting will be posted with the minutes, along with complete appendixes.

A motion was made to approve the writing of the minutes with content that reflects the
agenda, the full motion, and to have a link to the full audio and written transcript. The motion was seconded. Discussion ensued. **The motion was approved.**

### 7.3. Bylaw 4.4.1., to Make Honors College Voice-and-Vote Representation Possible, Amanda Tickner, University Committee on Academic Governance (UCAG)

Dr. Tickner proposed a motion that the University Bylaws change requesting to add a faculty member from the Honors College to the University Committee on Undergraduate Education as a voting member. The motion was seconded. Discussion ensued.

Following extensive discussion, Dr. Tickner restated a proposed friendly amendment: that the University Committee on Undergraduate Education shall include a faculty member from each college, including a faculty member from the Honors College who is not currently serving as a committee member on another University Standing Committee. The amended motion was seconded. **The amended motion passed.**

### 7.4. Formal Request for Transparency from the Board of Trustees in Regards to the Presidential Search Process, Professor Deborah Moriarty

Professor Moriarty’s Motion: “We applaud the efforts of the Presidential Search Committee for transparency, particularly holding listening sessions and posting the notes from those sessions. However, now that the listening phase has come to a close, we, the faculty and students, are now blind to the rest of the closed search process. The notes from the listening sessions reveal a wide diversity of opinions across campus regarding the qualities the Search Committee should prioritize. Therefore, we urge the Committee as a whole, and as individual members, to reveal to the University community, their priorities for the candidates. It is the practice of search committees at Michigan State and elsewhere to formulate a list of questions that will be asked of each candidate at every step of the process. The members of the University Council request that the Search Committee provide to the University Council a draft copy of the questions they would like to ask in advance of the interviews, so that the members of the University Council can provide input, feedback, and possible additional questions. These questions are valuable and important to the members of the University community to understand how and why the President is chosen, and what the new President will take as his or her mandate. This will enable the University community to be included in this very important process, while preserving the confidentiality of the process. It will also reinforce the Search Committee’s efforts for transparency and inclusiveness.”

Professor Moriarty’s motion was made to forward to the Presidential Search Committee and was seconded. Discussion ensued.

Friendly amendments were proposed to change the word “listening” to “input,” and to change the word “blind” to the word “uninformed.” Also, it was requested to change the word “urge” to the word “request,” and to strike the phrase “every step of the process” to “in the process”.

**A vote (with the added minor language revisions) on the amended document was taken:**
Yes – 69 in favor
No - 6
Abstain -4

The motion carried.

Professor Moriarty stated she will send the motion approved by the University Council to individual members of the Presidential Search Committee.

7.5. Faculty Senate Work Session for 2018-2019, Professor John Beck, Human Resources and Labor Relations

This exercise was postponed due to a lack of time.

8. Comments from the floor

Dr. Isaiah Hawkins requested that the John Beck exercise should be a University Council agenda item for the future, because there are a number of priorities that members of this Committee (who are not members of the Faculty Senate) would desire to have discussed.

Extensive comments were made about the integrity of the University Presidential Search process that sought after transparency and openness of the new President’s selection.

A request was also made regarding the Steering Committee’s desire that Board of Trustee members serving on the Presidential Search Committee be ex-officio members only, and not full voting members. Professor Moriarty replied that the written response so far to this request was that a written response would be provided.

9. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn and seconded. The motion carried. 4:59 p.m.