2019–2020: Meeting #2

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY COUNCIL APPROVED MINUTES
OCTOBER 15, 2019, 3:15 PM
INTERNATIONAL CENTER, RM 115

Present: M. Abel, B. Aiello, A. Amalfitano, A. Sousa (for N. Beauchamp), R. Bell, G. Benitez, A. Bennett,
S. Betman, C. Boodoo, A. Borcila, J. Bunnell, S. Burton, H. Cho, J. Cholewicki, L. Cloud, A. Contreras,
A. Corner, P. Crane, M. Crimp, T. Curry, R. Croson, P. David, A. Dunn, L.V. Egeren, P. Eisenlohr, O.
Eshedor, E. Esquith, D. Ewoldsen, K. Bowman (for R. Floden), D. Flores Lopez, J. Forger, E. Frantz, R.
Fulton, J. Gaboury, E. Gardner, O. Garner, G. Garrity, R. York (for T. Glasmacher), J. Goldbort, D.
Gould, C. Grosso, C. Speier–Pero (for S. Gupta), J. Guzzetta, A. Hanes, A. Green (for S. Hanson), A.
Hauser, K. Millenbah (for R. Hendrick), G. Hoppenstand, P. Hunt (for S. Hsu), R. Isaacs, M. Jackson, B.
Serman (for C. Jackson–Elmoore), J. Jiang, J. Johnson, M. Kakos, A. Idema (for L. Kempel), M. Kingry,
Taylor, L. Martin, D. Maybank, M. Mazei–Robison, M. Mechtel, R. Manderfield (for J. Meier), D.
Mendez, M. Miklavcic, R. Miksicek, K. Miller, E. Moll, D. Moriarty, W. Nesbitt, M. Worden (for R. Ofoli),
(for B. Puschner), R. Rasch, R. Root, J. Rosa, E. Rossor, A. Ruvio, A. Weissmantel (for J. Salem), J. Searl,
N. Terres (for S. Shablin), D. Sheridan, T. Silvestri, J. Slade, C. So, S. Stanley, G. Swain, Z. Szendrei,
Wright, A. Zeleke.

Gasteyer, B. Holtz, T. Jeitschko, M. Johnson, D. Jones, L. Lapidus, K.S. Lee, L. McCabe, J. Meza, F.

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. Approval of Agenda for October 15, 2019
   The agenda for October 15, 2019 was approved as presented.
3. Approval of Draft Minutes for September 17, 2019
   The minutes for September 17, 2019 were approved as distributed.
4. **President’s Remarks: Dr. Samuel L. Stanley**

President Stanley reported on the progress of assembling the Provost Search Committee. He also noted the resignation of Interim President Satish Udpa from his administrative position, noting his important contributions to the University. In addition, he reported on the investigations of the State Department of Education regarding the Clery Act and Title IX, as well as those of the Office of Civil Rights and the Department of Health and Human Services. He underscored the University’s commitment to transparency during these investigations.

President Stanley then discussed the restructuring of the Administration of the College of Human Medicine, Nursing and Osteopathic Medicine, as well as the University’s Health Clinic. He added that MSU is committed to the national initiative to raise awareness around sexual assault, including engaging men and cultural change around RVSM issues. He noted his meetings with survivors of sexual assault at MSU.

President Stanley introduced Interim Provost Sullivan, commenting on her extensive qualifications and commitment to MSU.

5. **Provost’s Remarks: Interim Dr. Teresa A. Sullivan**

Interim Provost Sullivan also commented on her background at MSU and her commitment to promote the success of both our faculty and our students, and to continue to push the University’s agenda forward. She reported on MSU’s significant accreditation report on undergraduate education, which is due in June, and the work that is progressing on that important report. As part of this review process, Interim Provost Sullivan will be visiting with the Deans of MSU Colleges to identify high priority issues.

6. **Chairperson’s Remarks: Professor Deborah Moriarty**

Professor Moriarty welcomed Interim Provost Sullivan to MSU. She also stated that the next Faculty Senate meeting would be held at the Minskoff Pavilion. Professor Moriarty stated that the University Council will be reviewing a large University Bylaws package in November, and that it would be wise if the members of University Council reviewed this package before the November meeting.

7. **New Business**

7.1. **University Committee on Curriculum (UCC) Report, Dr. Marci Mechtel, UCC Chairperson**

Dr. Mechtel presented the UCC report as an information item. She reported that, as approved
by FacultySenate last week, the University Curriculum Committee met at the end of September
and approved the following: one new Program, Athletic Training, Master of Science, effective
Summer Semester of 2020; 22 Program changes; and no program deletions. With those requests,
51 new courses were approved; 132 course changes were approved; and two course deletions
were approved. In addition, there were no moratoriums or discontinuations to report.

7.2. E-Scooter Update, Brice Nelson, Associate Director, Business Connect
Brice Nelson presented the E-Scooter Update. He reported on the past situation regarding the
use of E-Scooters at MSU. He noted the decision to use a single vendor partner for E-Scooters,
and a request for proposals were sent out to 15 companies. Four companies were brought to
campus to give their presentation, and Gotcha was selected as the vendor, with an official
launch date of October 7th. He went on to explain the value of having this company as MSU’s
vending partner. He stated that the launch included the use of 50 E-Scooters, but that number
had grown to 300 E-Scooters, with an eventual number settling at 1,000 E-Scooters.

Discussion ensued, including questions of safety, such as the use of helmets, and how to alert
pedestrians that E-Scooters are moving behind them, such as the use of bells on the E-
Scooters. A question was raised if student data was being tracked with the use of these E-
Scooters. Another inquiry involved the question of liability if someone were to be hurt with the
E-Scooters. It was noted that the liability is with the user. Additional discussion ensued.

President Stanley noted that safety of these E-Scooters is of the highest priority at MSU.
Discussion ensued.

8. Comments from the floor
Dr. Andaluna Borcila noted that the Faculty Senate strongly and overwhelmingly endorsed the
resolution for an open and inclusive Provost search, which was unanimous (with one abstention
during the vote). President Stanley replied that he has “committed to have a search where we will
identify finalists and bring them to campus so they can meet the Campus community”.

9. ADJOURNMENT
A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The motion carried. 4:19 p.m.