

The meeting began at 3:15 p.m. with a full quorum present.

Approval of Agenda:
The agenda was approved as distributed.

Approval of Minutes:
The minutes of September 13, 2005 were approved as distributed.

Provost’s Remarks:
Provost Wilcox noted that the Enhancement of Academic Program Proposals have been submitted and there were 118 proposals received. The proposals span the University in terms of topics and activities, undergraduate preparation, graduate preparation, research endeavors and outreach. The initial review of the proposals is to begin October 19 and the Provost will keep governance informed.

The Provost commented on the President’s Boldness by Design Initiative which includes the following five themes:

- Increase research opportunities
- Enhance the student experience
- Enrich community, economic and family life
- Expand international reach
- Strengthen stewardship

The Provost plans to develop some working groups to give advice on the topics. After consultation with the ECAC Chairperson, the Provost agreed to postpone forming the groups until the Faculty Voice Task Force Groups are formed.
President’s Remarks:
President Simon commented on the publicity around WJR’s decision to partner with MSU. The President assured members that there was no money changing hands to acquire this relationship. Michigan State University has many assets to bring to the table in terms of listeners, the number of graduates, students the University draws from southeast Michigan and the opportunity to work with WJR beyond athletics.

The President reported the final numbers for the University’s budget from the legislature and the Governor’s approval gives MSU $1.6 million dollars more than the budget was based. In a short period of time another annual announcement was made about a structural budget shortfall in the State. One of the points in the Board of Trustees action was that if we received an appropriation as recommended by the House, the University would provide a rebate to the students Spring Semester. The money received by the Governor was less than the amount identified for the student rebate so the Board will discuss what to do with the money at the next meeting. President Simon is concerned about the State’s economy and access for students from families affected by the economy. One of the options being considered for use of the money is to help this group of students. The President reported there is progress in the legislature on the Tobacco Bill or the Twenty-first Job Fund Bill which would help the Michigan economy around biotechnology. This bill is proceeding and is expected to be enacted in the coming weeks. The Bill would provide some research dollars with a focus on applied research. The President will be testifying downtown on October 25, 2005 about the ways the University is going to contribute to economic development of the State. A question was raised inquiring whether the University has considered institutional investments and a policy that would look at a percentage specifically for investment in companies, communities, etc. in Michigan. The President indicated this was something the Investment Committee could explore.

Executive Committee Chairperson’s Remarks:
Professor Sticklen called members attention to the next agenda items and their importance.

Proposed Amendments to the Composition of the Five Faculty Voice Task Force Groups:
Professor Sticklen moved the following amendments with regard to the composition of all five task force groups:

- Delete the phrase “and one Board of Trustees member or designee will also be seated.”

- Add the sentence “Members of the Board of Trustees will be informed of meeting dates and topics under consideration for the Committee, with an invitation to attend any or all meetings as they can.”

The intent of the motion is to allow involvement of the Board members but does not mandate their participation. The motion was seconded. An editorial comment was made
to remove the “and” on the first amendment and place “and” following “graduate students and”. Discussion ensued and a member questioned if the entire Board of Trustees was invited to any of the meetings or if it meant to say an invitation for a representative to attend any or all meetings? Professor Sticklen agreed to the editorial change. All of the suggested changes were then clarified: It should read Under Task Force Composition line 4 “Three undergraduate students, three graduate students and three administrators will also be seated.” Line 6 and 7 should read “Undergraduate student liaisons will be selected by Academic Assembly of ASMSU, graduate student liaisons by COGS and administrative liaisons by the President or Provost.” Line 8 should be changed by removing “and the Board of Trustees liaison by the Board of Trustees.” The sentence to be added should read “Members of the Board of Trustees will be informed of meeting dates and topics under consideration for the Committee, with an invitation for one or more representatives to attend any meeting.” President Simon noted the motion before the body was to make the deletions with the grammatical changes. A member objected to having so many Board members possibly at a meeting because it could cause a chilling effect on members of the committee. Another council member agreed with the objection raised and supported having one Board member come to meetings and having voice but no vote. A motion to amend the amendment to limit the representative of the Board of Trustees to one was passed. A question was then raised about the last sentence “The task force will determine its own voting rights.” A motion was made to delete the last sentence and replace it with the sentence “Voting rights on the task force will be restricted to faculty members”. The motion was ruled out of order by the majority. A motion passed to amend the amendment to the last sentence “Voting rights will include only faculty and students.”

**Procedure for Selecting Task Force Groups 1 and 5:**
Professor Sticklen reported that ECAC was not able to develop a slate for either task force due to lack of sufficient faculty nominations. A motion passed to request each College Advisory Council to nominate two regular faculty members for Task Force 1 and one regular faculty for Task Force 5 by November 7, 2005 by 5:00 p.m. These nominations are to be sent to the Academic Governance office.

**Announcement of Slates for Faculty Voice Task Force Groups 2, 3 and 4:**
Professor Sticklen presented the following slates for Faculty Voice Task Force Groups 2, 3 and 4:

**Task Force Nominees for Group II (Regular Faculty):**

Carla L. Carleton, Veterinary Medicine
Houria I. Hassouna, Human Medicine
Grover Hudson, Arts & Letters
Stephen Lacy, Communication Arts & Sciences
Shawn W. Nicholson, Non-College Faculty
Mark Schroder, Eli Broad College of Business
John Shelle, Agriculture & Natural Resources
George Stockman, Engineering
Task Force Nominees for Group II (Academic Specialists):

Craig James Gunn, Engineering
Jane Miller, Social Science

Task Force Nominees for Group III:

Katherine Corby, Non-College Faculty
Christina DeJong, Social Science
Richard E. Groop, Social Science
Harold Hughes, Agriculture & Natural Resources
Constance C. T. Hunt, James Madison
Michael Moch, Business

Task Force Nominees for Group IV:

George Allen, Nursing
Wolfgang Bauer, Natural Science
d’Ann de Simone, Arts & Letters
Nancy W. Fleck, Non-College Faculty
Wanda Dean Lipscomb, Human Medicine
Scott Michaelsen, Arts & Letters
Jon Sticklen, Engineering

Other Business:
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary for Academic Governance

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