Michigan State University Faculty Senate  
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To the Faculty Senate,

Thank you for your November 9th memorandum regarding the Reclaim MSU Policy Proposal. The Board had the opportunity to consider and discuss the proposal at our December meeting. Our responses are as follows:

- Item 1: Please clarify the intended purpose of the proposed University Board. Is the University Board intended as a restructuring of the existing Board of Trustees or as a new board to work collaboratively with and in an advisory capacity to the Board of Trustees? The materials provided, wherein the University Board was merged into the existing Board of Trustees bylaws, made this difficult to understand.

- Items 2 and 3: We believe these concerns have subsequently been addressed, as reflected in the composition of the Presidential Search Committee and the inclusive and transparent process the Committee has followed. The November 28th Community Letter from the Co-Chairs of the Search Committee also addressed these concerns and more.

- Items 4 and 5: As you aware, these changes would require constitutional amendments and are outside the authority of the Board of Trustees. In addition, the changes would impact other educational institutions that should have an equal opportunity to contribute to the discussion around these issues.

As always, we appreciate receiving the input of faculty, students, and other members of the community on issues of importance to the university. We look forward to continuing to work together for the betterment of MSU.

Sincerely,

Brian Breslin, Chairperson

Michigan State University Board of Trustees

cc: Board of Trustees, J. Engler, J. Youatt, N. Barr, R. Young