

# The Steering Committee

Minutes  
June 9, 2020



**Present:** M. Abel, B. Aiello, S. Anthony, A. Bih, A. Corner, M. Donahue, R. Fulton, J. Johnson, G. Hoppenstand, S. McFall-Boegeman, D. Moriarty, A. Pegler-Gordon, R. Pennock, T. Silvestri, T. Sullivan, G. Wittenbaum

**Absent:** M. Kakos, M. Mechtel

**Others Present:** N. Beauchamp, T. Curry, D. Ewoldsen, G. Koerner, S. Lott, D. Weismantel, various Faculty Senators and faculty members

A special meeting of The Steering Committee of Michigan State University was held on Tuesday, June 9, 2020, at 3:30 p.m. via Zoom. Chairperson Deborah Moriarty presided. The agenda was approved following an amendment.

The Chairperson introduced the guest speakers, Executive Vice President for Health Sciences Norman Beauchamp and University Physician David Weismantel, the Co-Chairs of the COVID-19 Reopening Task Force. Their subject was responding to questions posed by Faculty Senators regarding campus reopening. The pair, along with the Provost, answered questions posed at the meeting as well.

The Steering Committee agreed by consent to poll Faculty Senators to determine interest in holding special summer Faculty Senate meetings.

University Committee on Graduate Studies Chairperson Gwen Wittenbaum and University Committee on Undergraduate Education Chairperson Andy Corner, both of whom serve as Co-Chairperson of the Academic Calendar Task Force, gave a report from the Task Force.

Anna Pegler-Gordon moved to give Faculty Senator David Ewoldsen (College of Arts and Letters) voice. The motion was adopted without debate. Ewoldsen read a resolution regarding the appointment of Teresa Woodruff as Provost and its implications for diversity, equity, and inclusion. Pegler-Gordon moved to place the resolution on Faculty Senate's agenda. Following debate, the motion was adopted by consent.

The meeting adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

Tyler Silvestri  
Secretary for Academic Governance  
**Approved:** September 1, 2020