Faculty Council Minutes of April 8, 2008

Student Faculty Commission on Civility:
The Provost noted that last year the Faculty Council formed a task force to look at the issue of civility on campus, and reported back this past Fall indicating the MSU campus was not a campus of incivility. The Provost requested the Women's Advisory Committee to the Provost to look at the issue of civility as it related to recruitment and retention of women faculty and graduate students. The Report by the Women's Advisory Committee noted the campus in total was civil but that there are many events on campus that would be described as not civil. The President Has been active in providing leadership in sharing a vision for a campus where all people can come and participate free from risk of criticism unduly leveled at them for whatever reason. The Provost noted the University lacks a statement from faculty and students of the same. The Provost announced that ECAC seat a Commission of at least four faculty and four students who will be charged with creating a joint statement on the importance of civility on our campus. The Provost is asking the Faculty-Student Commission for a joint statement to be written in such a way that it can be endorsed at all levels of academic governance, faculty, and students. The statement that is developed by the Commission will come to Faculty Council.

ECAC Minutes of October 7, 2008

The Provost noted that last Spring we had discussed the development of a statement on civility that would complement the President's statement on civility. We had agreed to assemble a group of faculty and students to develop a joint statement. Following some discussion a motion was passed to refer the issue of the development of a statement on civility to UCFA and UCSA to draft a joint statement to go to Faculty and Academic Councils no later than March, 2009.