

**MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
THE STEERING COMMITTEE DRAFT MINUTES
JANUARY 12, 2016 - 3:15-5:00PM
BOARD ROOM, ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 3:20
2. Approval of Agenda for January 12, 2016 - **APPROVED**
3. Approval of Draft Minutes for November 3, 2015 **APPROVED**
4. President's Remarks – Lou Anna K. Simon

There has been a great deal of discussion surrounding the future of WKAR at Michigan State. The original mission for WKAR was to be a national leader in the area of instructional television and the use of media to augment instruction. Over time it has become something different. The discussion examined both a review of the station's mission for MSU, and as an operation that provided programming available elsewhere. The question then becomes how to meet and exceed our public service mission around new technologies and continue meet our educational mission as an institution. What kinds of academic experiences and innovations are available for faculty and students? What opportunities exist in the research areas of engineering and technology for our faculty? The Board of Trustees supported the decision to maintain WKAR and to invest in its ability to become an asset for the University. As a result of the decision we have partnered with Detroit Public Television to move forward programs of national educational content in the digital environment and not just as an over the air broadcast. One of the major areas affected by this partnership is its ability to develop and provide strong educational programming for children at the local, regional and national level.

MSU faculty have been and remain actively engaged in water problems that exist in Flint. The downside for the issue centers on the pressures it will create on the budget for the State of Michigan. The Federal Government will provide aid but it is doubtful that it will offset the total expenses.

The town hall discussion will continue. I encourage the academic governance community to engage in the conversations and to work with the Office for Inclusion and Intercultural Initiatives as it continues its work in this area. There will be another town Hall on police and public safety.

5. Provost's Remarks – June Youatt

Announcement of the appointment of Dr. Edward Rosick as Chair of the Healthy Campus Initiative. He is a faculty member in the College of Osteopathic Medicine and served as interim chair of Family and Community Medicine.

University Position Searches

The dean search for the College Agriculture and Natural Resources is complete and the Search Committee has submitted its report. We expect to announce an appointment in the near future.

The dean search committee for the Law School will interview the first candidate this week with two or three over the next 3-4 weeks.

The position announcement of the Undergraduate Dean will be posted.

The search for the Director of the Broad Art Museum is still underway. One candidate came to campus prior to Christmas. Additional candidates are being considered over the next few weeks.

The visit from the Higher Learning Commission on our University-wide Accreditation is scheduled for April. It is important that Kelley Funk be able to provide an update on the process.

6. The Steering Committee Chairperson's Remarks – Professor Mary Noel

Secretary of Academic Governance position is still open. Please encourage your colleagues to consider the position.

The request for nominations for At-Large Members of the Steering Committee has been distributed. Nominations are due by February 5, 2016.

7. Committee Reports

University Committee for Academic Governance: Deferred discussion to the today's agenda item

University Committee on Curriculum: Reviewed November Committee actions to be presented to the Faculty Senate.

UCFA: The conversations on campus safety are continuing.

UCSA: Conversation for a fall break are continuing. We have reviewed the calendars of other CIC members.

UCUE: December meetings reviewed program changes, identified a sub-committee to work on a position description for retiring Dean Estry's position and continued our discussion of a fall break.

ASMSU: An update on the honor code discussion will be presented at the February Steering Committee meeting.

8. OLD BUSINESS

Professor Powell presented proposed procedures for Faculty Healthcare Council (FHC) appointments that have recommended criteria for committee membership and the process by which members are to be appointed. The FHC will review applications after a preliminary sorting by the University Committee on Academic Governance (UCAG) and make recommendations to the Steering Committee. Professor Urquhart moved to send the FHC recommendations to the UCAG for Bylaws amendments. Seconded by Professor Bell. **MOTION APPROVED.**

Professor Debra Nails, Chairperson, UCAG, discussed recommendations regarding modification in the Bylaws of Academic Governance. The amendments focus on repetitions, inconsistencies, and changes to reflect current operations.

9. NEW BUSINESS

Sudha Sankar, Council of Graduate Students President, reviewed the materials and discussions regarding the Department of Police and Public Safety Oversight Committee operations. She will provide additional information at the February Steering Committee meeting.

Professor Debra Nails, UCAG Chairperson, discussed a number of issues regarding the committee's membership, operations, and procedures. Specific concerns include members selection, attendance, and committee responsibilities. Professor Bell moved and Professor Crimp seconded a motion to move the issue to an ad hoc committee made up of Lorenzo Santavicca, President of ASMSU, Professor John Gaboury and Professor Nails with a charge of recommending changes to improve the committee's operations. **MOTION APPROVED**

Professor Mary Noel moved to place the Information Technology Security item discussion on the University Council agenda for January. **MOTION APPROVED**

Professor Mary Noel moved to place the Tobacco Free Initiative, Smoking Ordinance Amendment and Ordinance Policy and Exceptions on the University Council agenda for January. **MOTION APPROVED**

Professor John Bell, University Committee on Faculty Affairs Chairperson, led a conversation regarding an alternative procedure for introducing new items for discussion in governance. The idea is to provide a streamlined mechanism to initiate projects and to make it easily available to faculty and the University community. The issue was placed on the January Faculty Senate agenda for discussion.

10. ADJOURNMENT: 5:10.