

Faculty Senate

Draft Minutes

December 17, 2024



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A regular meeting of the Faculty Senate was held on December 17, 2024 at 3:15pm via Zoom with Chairperson Wilson presiding. The agenda was approved as presented. The minutes of the November 19, 2025 meeting were approved as presented.

Remarks

Pre-recorded remarks from President Kevin Guskiewicz and Interim Provost Thomas Jeitschko were shared with the Faculty Senate. Chairperson Wilson also provided remarks.

Presentation on Travel Support and Concur Platform

University Travel Manager Ed Phillips presented on travel reimbursement and the Concur platform. A Q&A session followed his presentation.

Presentation on Automatic Captions

Digital Accessibility Coordinator Dennis Bond presented on video captioning in the Kaltura Media Space, requirements for captioning per MSU's Digital Accessibility Policy, and the recent Americans with Disabilities Act rule that gives MSU until 2026 to meet web accessibility requirements. Bond discussed his team's proposal to enable automatic captioning on all Kaltura Media Space videos and answered questions from committee members.

Secretary Nelson suggested that the Faculty Senate endorse the Office of Civil Rights and Title IX Education and Compliance's Digital Accessibility Team's proposal for automatic captions in the Kaltura Media Space. Aerni-Flessner introduced the motion. A vote was conducted by a show of hands, and the motion was approved.

Presentation and Information Update from Faculty Unions

Union of Non-Tenure Track Faculty President Víctor Rodríguez-Pereira presented on the union's history, activities, and organizing activities within MSU Extension.

Union of Tenure System Faculty Representative Zach Kaiser presented on the union's history and activities.

A Q&A session followed these presentations.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:48pm.

Victoria Nelson
Secretary for Academic Governance

Approved:

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Attendance	
Present	60
Absent	17
Total	77
Quorum	40

Constituency/Title	Name	Attendance
Athletic Council	Bonnie Knutson	Present
Athletic Council	Michael Kaplowitz	Present
Academic Specialist Advisory Committee	Jonglim Han	Present
Agriculture and Natural Resources	Satish Joshi	Present
Agriculture and Natural Resources	Jeff Swada	Present
Agriculture and Natural Resources	Lorraine Weatherspoon	Present
Agriculture and Natural Resources	Jason Rowntree	Absent
Arts and Letters	Zach Kaiser	Present
Arts and Letters	Patti Spinner	Present
Arts and Letters	Victor Rodriguez-Pereira	Present
Arts and Letters	Danielle DeVoss	Present
Arts and Letters	Kristen Mapes	Present
ASMSU	Ahmed Amir	Absent
At Large	Justin St. Charles	Present
At Large	Angela Wilson	Present
At Large	Jack Lipton	Present
At Large	Guo Chen	Present
At Large	John Aerni-Flessner	Present
Business	Antoinette Tessmer	Present
Business	Michelle Nessa	Present
Business	Naveen Khanna	Present
COGS	Miles Roberts	Absent
Communication Arts and Sciences	David Ewoldsen	Present
Communication Arts and Sciences	Rabindra "Robby" Ratan	Present
Education	Doug Hartman	Present

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Constituency/Title	Name	Attendance
Education	Kristy Stein	Present
Education	Jungmin Kwon	Absent
Emeriti Faculty	Peter Berg	Present
Engineering	Neil Wright	Present
Engineering	Rebecca Anthony	Present
Engineering	Nizar Lajnef	Present
Engineering	Mark Worden	Absent
Engineering	Bei Fan	Present
FRIB	Oscar Naviliat-Cuncic	Present
Human Medicine	James C. Anthony	Present
Human Medicine	Claire Margerison	Present
Human Medicine	Cristian Meghea	Present
Human Medicine	Michael Williams	Present
Human Medicine	Jordan Knepper	Present
President	Kevin Guskiewicz	Absent
Interim Provost	Thomas Jeitschko	Absent
James Madison	Yael Aronoff	Present
James Madison	Amanda Flaim	Present
Law	Catherine Grosso	Absent
Law	David Favre	Present
Libraries	Kathleen Weessies	Present
Libraries	Eli Landaverde	Present
Lyman Briggs	Rob LaDuca	Absent
Lyman Briggs	Samantha Cass	Present
Music	Nermis Mieses	Absent
Music	Guy Yehuda	Absent
Natural Science	Yuying Xie	Absent
Natural Science	Gustavo de los Campos	Absent
Natural Science	Brian Gulbransen	Absent
Natural Science	Demetre Kazaras	Present
Natural Science	Saul Beceiro Novo	Absent
Nursing	Horng-Shiuann Wu	Absent
Nursing	Gayle Lourens	Present

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Osteopathic Medicine	Janice Schwartz	Present
Osteopathic Medicine	Shane Crandall	Present
Osteopathic Medicine	Nathan Tykocki	Present
RCAH	Estrella Torrez	Present
RCAH	Scot Yoder	Present
Social Science	Zeenat Kotval Karamchandani	Substitute: Noah Durst
Social Science	Laurie Bullock	Present
Social Science	David Wheat	Present
UCAG	Liz Gardner	Present
UCC	Valeta Wensloff	Present
UCFA	Jamie Alan	Present
UCFT	Sue Barman	Present
UCGS	Trixie Smith	Present
UCL	Lynn Wolff	Present
UCSLE	Maddie Dallas	Absent
UCUE	Chastity Warren	Present
Veterinary Medicine	Sean Crosson	Present
Veterinary Medicine	Dodd Sledge	Present
Secretary for Academic Governance	Victoria Nelson	Present