

Faculty Senate

Draft Minutes

January 21, 2025



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A regular meeting of the Faculty Senate was held on January 21, 2025 at 3:16pm via Zoom with Chairperson Angela Wilson presiding. The agenda was approved as presented. The minutes of the December 17, 2024 meeting were approved as presented.

Remarks

President Kevin Guskiewicz, Interim Provost Thomas Jeitschko, and Chairperson Wilson provided remarks.

ALM Vacancy Vote

UCAG Chair Liz Gardner notified the Faculty Senate of a recent vacancy within the At-Large Faculty Representatives on the Steering Committee. She presented Senator Antoinette Tessmer as the nominee approved by the University Committee on Academic Governance to fill the vacancy. A vote was conducted by a show of hands, and Senator Tessmer was approved by the Faculty Senate to fill the vacancy within the At-Large Faculty Representative group.

Faculty Honorifics

At-Large Faculty Member Aerni-Flessner brought a discussion item forward regarding faculty honorifics. After presenting the award data from the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 academic year, the senate discussed patterns found in the data that suggest structural issues in the awarding process.

UCFA Standing Committee Annual Report

UCFA Chair Jamie Alan presented the University Committee on Faculty Affairs' 2024-2025 annual report.

MSU Innovation Center Presentation

Associate Vice President for Innovation & Economic Development Charles Hasemann, Innovation Center Executive Director Anne DiSante, and Executive Director of the Michigan State University Innovation Center's Business Connect Office Nick Miller presented on the Innovation Center's mission, activities, and the support they provide for MSU innovation. A Q&A session followed the presentation.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:53pm.

Victoria Nelson
Secretary for Academic Governance

Approved:

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Attendance	
Present	67
Absent	9
Total	76
Quorum	39

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	Present
Arts and Letters	Zach Kaiser	Present
Arts and Letters	Salah Hassan	Absent
Arts and Letters	Victor Rodriguez-Pereira	Present
Arts and Letters	Danielle DeVoss	Present
Arts and Letters	Patti Spinner	Present
ASMSU	Ahmed Amir	Absent
At Large	Justin St. Charles	Present
At Large	Angela Wilson	Present
At Large	Jack Lipton	Present
At Large	John Aerni-Flessner	Present
Business	Antoinette Tessmer	Present
Business	Michelle Nessa	Present
Business	Naveen Khanna	Present
COGS	Miles Roberts	Present
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	Present
Emeriti Faculty	Peter Berg	Present
Engineering	Neil Wright	Present
Engineering	Rebecca Anthony	Present
Engineering	Nizar Lajnef	Present
Engineering	Mark Worden	Present
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	Absent
President	Kevin Guskiewicz	Present
Interim Provost	Thomas Jeitschko	Present
James Madison	Yael Aronoff	Present
James Madison	Amanda Flaim	Absent
Law	Catherine Grosso	Present
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	Present
Music	Guy Yehuda	Present
Natural Science	Yuying Xie	Present
Natural Science	Gustavo de los Campos	Present
Natural Science	Brian Gulbransen	Absent
Natural Science	Demetre Kazaras	Present
Natural Science	Saul Beceiro Novo	Absent
Nursing	Horng-Shiuann Wu	Present
Nursing	Gayle Lourens	Present

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Osteopathic Medicine	Janice Schwartz	Present
Osteopathic Medicine	Shane Crandall	Present
Osteopathic Medicine	Nathan Tykocki	Present
Osteopathic Medicine	Amit Sachdev	Present
RCAH	Estrella Torrez	Present
RCAH	Scot Yoder	Present
Social Science	Zeenat Kotval Karamchandani	Absent
Social Science	Laurie Bulock	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
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