



A regular meeting of the Faculty Senate was held on February 18, 2025 at 3:16pm via Zoom with Chairperson Wilson presiding. The agenda was approved as presented. The minutes of the January 21, 2025 meeting were approved as presented.

## **Remarks**

Chairperson Angela Wilson provided remarks to the Faculty Senate. Recorded remarks from Interim Provost Thomas Jeitschko were presented to the Faculty Senate.

## **Faculty Election Slate Approval for At-Large Members and Athletic Council**

The Faculty Senate voted to approve the nominee slates for the At-Large Members of the Steering Committee and the Athletic Council.

## **Faculty Senate Election for UMEAC and UCSLE**

The Faculty Senate voted to elect members to the University Military Education Advisory Committee and University Committee on Student Life and Engagement.

## **Faculty Raise Memo**

UCFA Chairperson Jamie Alan presented on the UCFA's 2025-2026 academic year faculty raise memo and answered questions brought forward by senators.

## **UCFT Standing Committee Annual Report**

UCFT Chairperson Susan Barman presented the UCFT's annual report and answered questions brought forward by senators.

## **Presentation on Government Relations and Federal Law Landscape**

Sarah Walter, Associate Vice President for Federal Relations, and Rebecca Devooght, Vice President of Government Relations, gave an informational presentation on Government Relations' approach to advocacy on behalf of MSU. A Q&A session followed the presentation.

## **Resolution in Support of Diversity**

At-Large Member John Aerni-Flessner introduced a resolution in support of diversity that read:

*Whereas,* The Faculty Senate of Michigan State University affirms our unwavering commitment to fostering a campus community where every individual feels supported and valued; and,

*Whereas,* Diversity in all its forms – cultural, racial, geographical, generational, socioeconomic, ability, ideological, and more – is a source of strength that enhances collective learning, global citizenship, and a strengthened community; and,

*Whereas,* Initiatives, programs, and educational opportunities that serve as celebrations in which the deep and rich cultural histories, identities, and

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contributions of our community are acknowledged, honored, and uplifted; and,

*Whereas,* Storytelling is a time-honored pedagogy, and we recognize that those lived experiences, both past and present, are critical to making informed decisions that impact the future of our campus and beyond; and,

*Whereas,* We stand in support of, and actively advocate for, access to resources and opportunities for all Spartans to celebrate their unique identities; indeed, as a world-renowned higher education institution, it is critical to our mission, values, and strategic plan; and,

*Whereas,* MSU President Kevin Guskiewicz has stated that "our commitment to making this an inclusive university where every member can feel safe, welcome, and supported is unshakable. We can only fulfill our mission and reach our full potential by embracing all of our lived experiences and perspectives."; therefore be it,

*Resolved,* That the Faculty Senate of Michigan State University upholds the values and principles of diversity in all its forms; and

*Resolved,* That the Faculty Senate supports and draws on the diverse perspectives and lived experiences of our faculty, staff, and students to further our mission as a world-leading land-grant institution in the State of Michigan; and

*Resolved,* That, we are, in strong solidarity, in support of this bedrock principle; and

*Resolved,* That further, we affirm the ability of all faculty, staff, and students to not only feel welcome on campus, but to celebrate cultural heritages publicly and with the full-throated support of the institution as a whole; and

*Resolved,* That the Faculty Senate re-affirms that diversity in all its measures is a core value and principle guiding this institution and the foundation of academic inquiry.

The committee held a vote, and the resolution was adopted.

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## Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:08pm.

*Heidi Pineda*

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Heidi Pineda

Interim Secretary for Academic Governance

**Approved:**

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Attendance	
<b>Present</b>	60
<b>Absent</b>	13
<b>Total</b>	73
<b>Quorum</b>	38

Constituency/Title	Name	Attendance
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
Education	Kristy Stein	Present
Education	Jungmin Kwon	Present
Emeriti Faculty	Peter Berg	Present

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Constituency/Title	Name	Attendance
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	Absent
Human Medicine	Claire Margerison	Present
Human Medicine	Cristian Meghea	Absent
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	Absent
Law	Catherine Grosso	Present
Law	David Favre	Present
Libraries	Kathleen Weessies	Present
Libraries	Eli Landaverde	Present
Lyman Briggs	Kirtimaan Mohan	Present
Lyman Briggs	Samantha Cass	Present
Music	Nermis Mieses	Present
Music	Guy Yehuda	Present
Natural Science	Yuying Xie	Present
Natural Science	Gustavo de los Campos	Absent
Natural Science	Demetre Kazaras	Present
Natural Science	Saul Beceiro Novo	Present
Nursing	Horng-Shiuann Wu	Absent
Nursing	Gayle Lourens	Absent
Osteopathic Medicine	Janice Schwartz	Present
Osteopathic Medicine	Shane Crandall	Present
Osteopathic Medicine	Nathan Tykocki	Present
Osteopathic Medicine	Amit Sachdev	Absent

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RCAH	Estrella Torrez	Present
RCAH	Scot Yoder	Present
Social Science	Zeenat Kotval Karamchandani	Present
Social Science	Laurie Bulock	Present
Social Science	David Wheat	Absent
UCAG	Liz Gardner	Present
UCC	Valeta Wensloff	Present
UCFA	Jamie Alan	Present
UCFT	Sue Barman	Present
UCGS	Trixie Smith	Substitute: A.J. Robinson
UCL	Lynn Wolff	Absent
UCUE	Chastity Warren	Present
Veterinary Medicine	Sean Crosson	Present
Veterinary Medicine	Dodd Sledge	Present
Secretary for Academic Governance	Victoria Nelson	Present