

Faculty Senate

Draft Minutes

December 16, 2025



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A regular meeting of the Faculty Senate was held on December 16, 2025, at 3:15 PM via Zoom with Chairperson Wilson presiding. The agenda was approved as presented. The minutes of November 18, 2025, meeting were approved as corrected.

Remarks

President Kevin Guskiewicz, Provost Laura Lee McIntyre, and Chairperson Wilson provided remarks to the Faculty Senate.

The Learning Goals Project

MSU has launched an Undergraduate Learning Goals Reform Project to update learning goals that are approximately 15 years old and to better align curricular and co-curricular learning across the undergraduate experience. The project seeks to articulate a shared vision of what an MSU undergraduate degree represents and what students should take with them after graduation.

The work is guided by MSU's mission, institutional strategic plans, national frameworks, and existing learning goals, which are under review and may be retained in part. A working group and advisory council have been convened, and the project will move into a drafting phase in the spring semester, with a draft shared in mid-March.

A short campus-wide survey will open in January to gather faculty and staff input on the current learning goals and aspirations for future goals. Faculty participation is essential, as survey results will inform the draft and support alignment with broader initiatives, including General Education reform.

Athletic Council Report

Christopher Melt, Faculty Athletic Representative, presented an informational report on student athlete academics and Athletics Council activities. MSU student athletes continue to demonstrate strong academic performance, with all teams exceeding NCAA APR thresholds, record-high GPAs, and graduation rates among the highest in the Big Ten and nationally. Mr. Melt also reviewed Athletics Council discussions related to NCAA governance changes, student-athlete well-being, compliance, facilities, and the transfer portal, and outlined the FAR's role as a liaison between academic and athletic governance.

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Update on Capital campaigns: *Uncommon Will & For Sparta*

VP for Advancement Kim Tobin presented an informational update on MSU's comprehensive campaign, clarified the relationship between Uncommon Will, Fair Better World and For Sparta, and responded to faculty questions about equity across units, staffing, corporate engagement, and transparency in fund allocation.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

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