

Faculty Senate

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April 14, 2026



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A regular meeting of the Faculty Senate was held on April 14, 2026, at 3:15 PM via Zoom with Chairperson Aerni-Flessner presiding. The agenda was approved as amended. The minutes of the March 17, 2026, meeting were approved as presented.

Remarks

President Kevin Guskiewicz, Provost Laura Lee McIntyre, and Chairperson Aerni-Flessner provided remarks to Faculty Senate.

University Committee on Faculty Affairs Report

Chair John McElroy gave a presentation regarding the University Committee on Faculty Affairs' work during the 2025-2026 academic year.

Faculty Athletic Representative Presentation

Faculty Athletic Representative Chris Melde gave a presentation regarding the mental health and physical health resources for student athletes across MSU and the work that goes into providing those resources.

Chair/Vice-Chair Election Results

Secretary Cuellar provided the results of the Chair/Vice-Chair of Steering Committee/Faculty Senate second-round election. Senator John Aerni-Flessner was elected Chair, while Senator Jack Lipton was elected Vice-Chair for the 2026-2027 academic year.

Learning Goals Presentation

Emily Conroy-Krutz gave a presentation regarding the new undergraduate learning goals that have been crafted. Emily indicated that she hopes that she can return in December to seek further feedback as the working group seeks feedback from the larger campus community.

Board of Trustees September Engagement Session

Secretary of the Board of Trustees and Chief of Staff Stefan Fletcher came before the Faculty Senate to discuss the upcoming Board of Trustees Engagement Session in September 2026. Secretary Fletcher indicated that an email had gone out requesting that the campus community recommend topics

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and speakers for the Engagement Session. Further, Secretary Fletcher stated that additional emails would go out concerning the Engagement Session prior to the end of the 2025-2026 academic year.

UCFA Status Quo Status and Memo

The first motion was to forward the pay raise memo to the administration and to the UTSF (Senator Lipton made motion; Senator Borcila seconded). There was then a motion to amend the memo to strike the words "tenure-stream" from the Recommendation section of the Memo (Senator Hodges made motion; Senator Anthony (CHM) seconded). The amendment motion was approved, with a majority voting in the affirmative. The Faculty Senate then voted on forwarding the amended memo to the administration and UTSF, with a majority voting in the affirmative.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:02 PM.

Teresa Cuellar

Approved: [month day, year]

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Present	Absent	Total	Quorum
64	16	80	41

Constituency	Name	Present	Absent	Attendance	Substitute
Agriculture and Natural Resources	Satish Joshi	X		Present	
Agriculture and Natural Resources	Henry Chung	X		Present	
Agriculture and Natural Resources	Holly Wang	X		Present	
Agriculture and Natural Resources	Lorraine Weatherspoon	X		Present	
Agriculture and Natural Resources	David Skole		X	Absent	
Arts and Letters	Lucas Nunn		X	Absent	
Arts and Letters	Alejandra Marquez	X		Present	
Arts and Letters	Tze-Lan Sang	X		Present	
Arts and Letters	Victor Rodriguez-Pereira	X		Present	
Arts and Letters	Danielle DeVoss	X		Present	Joyce Meier
ASMSU	Tony Pham	X		Present	Tanvi Rayapeddi
At Large	Justin St. Charles	X		Present	
At Large	Antoniette Tessmer	X		Present	
At Large	John Aerni-Flessner	X		Present	
At Large	Kyoo il Kim	X		Present	

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At Large	Jack Lipton	X		Present
Athletic Council	Rebecca Malouin		X	Absent
Business	Naveen Khanna	X		Present
Business	Michelle Nessa	X		Present
Business	Dwight Handspike	X		Present
COGS	Priyanka Kothari	X		Present
Communication Arts and Sciences	Casey O'Donnell	X		Present
Communication Arts and Sciences	Rabindra "Robby" Ratan	X		Present
Education	Matthew Brodhead	X		Present
Education	Doug Hartman	X		Present
Education	Kristy Stein	X		Present
Education	Jungmin Kwon	X		Present
Emeriti Faculty	Peter Berg	X		Present
Engineering	Neil Wright	X		Present
Engineering	Bei Fan	X		Present
Engineering	Rebecca Anthony	X		Present
Engineering	Ruigio Yang		X	Absent
Engineering	Mark Worden		X	Absent
Human Medicine	Natoshia Cunningham	X		Present
Human Medicine	Sabrina Ford	X		Present
Human Medicine	Kelly Hodges	X		Present

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Human Medicine	Bruce Uhal			#N/A
Human Medicine	James C. Anthony	X		Present
Secretary for Academic Governance	Teresa Cuellar	X		Present
James Madison	Andaluna Borcila	X		Present
James Madison	Yael Aronoff	X		Present
Law	Glen Staszewski		X	Absent
Law	Stephen Wilks		X	Absent
Non-College Faculty (FRIB)	Oscar Naviliat-Cuncic	X		Present
Non-College Faculty (Library)	Eli Landaverde	X		Present
Non-College Faculty (Library)	Gen Iverson	X		Present
Non-College Faculty	Mahmoud Parvizi	X		Present
Non-College Faculty	Jonglim Han	X		Present
Lyman Briggs	Megan Halpern	X		Present
Lyman Briggs	Samantha Cass	X		Present
Music	Guy Yehuda	X		Present
Natural Science	Diana Bello DeOcampo		X	Absent
Natural Science	Pavel Sikorskii	X		Present
Natural Science	Yuying Xie		X	Absent
Natural Science	Andrew Christlieb		X	Absent
Natural Science	Demetre Kazaras	X		Present

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Nursing	Horn- Shiuann Wu	X		Present
Nursing	Rhonda Conner- Warren	X		Present
Osteopathic Medicine	Nathan Tykocki	X		Present
Osteopathic Medicine	Martha Faner		X	Absent
Osteopathic Medicine	Sarah Tilden	X		Present
Osteopathic Medicine	Shane Crandall	X		Present
President	Kevin Guskiewicz	X		Present
Provost	Laura Lee McIntyre	X		Present
Social Science	Ani Sarkissian	X		Present
Social Science	Laurie Bulock	X		Present
Social Science	Sue Grady	X		Present
Social Science	David Wheat		X	Absent
UCAG	Liz Gardner	X		Present
UCC	Marci Mechtel	X		Present
UCFA	John McElroy	X		Present
UCFT	Kevin Douglas Alfred J. (AJ)	X		Present
UCGS	Robison	X		Present
UCL	Tiffany Wahl	X		Present
UCUE	Chastity Warren		X	Absent
UCSA	Erica Weeks		X	Absent
Veterinary Medicine	Jim Wagner	X		Present

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Veterinary Medicine	Andres Contreras		X	Absent
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RCAH	Laura MacDonald	X		Present
RCAH	Eric Aronoff	X		Present