

Faculty Senate

Draft Minutes

September 15, 2026



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A regular meeting of the Faculty Senate was held on September 15, 2026 at 3:15 PM in the MSU Multicultural Center with Chair Aerni-Flessner presiding. The agenda was approved as presented. The minutes of the April 14, 2026 meeting were approved as presented.

Remarks

President Guskiewicz and Chair Aerni-Flessner gave remarks to the Faculty Senate.

One Health Research Network

Vice President for Research and Innovation Shashank Priya gave a presentation on the One Health Research Network as part of the One Team One Health Initiative.

MSU Medicine

Dean of the College of Osteopathic Medicine Joyce deJong and Interim Dean of the College of Human Medicine Supratik Rayamajhi gave a presentation on MSU Medicine as part of the One Team One Health Initiative.

Standing University Committee on General Education

Assistant Provost Stacia Moroski-Rigney brought forward a proposal to create a new university-level standing committee on general education and refer the matter to UCAG. During discussion, questions were asked whether Assistant Provost Moroski-Rigney had gone to UCUE to discuss the proposal. Chair Barnard indicated that UCUE had not been consulted, and thus the proposal should come to UCUE to discuss. The motion was then amended for the proposal to go to UCUE, which was seconded and passed. The approved amended motion to have the proposal go to UCUE before going to UCAG was then seconded and passed.

Secretary of Education Letter Resolution

At-Large Member Gardner brought forward a resolution referred to Faculty Senate by the Steering Committee regarding the University's response to a letter issued by Secretary of Education Linda McMahon during the Summer of 2026. A motion was made to adopt the resolution, seconded, and was passed.

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Comments from the Floor

Topics discussed included reminding everyone present to participate in the email sent out by Baker Tilly as part of the Shared Governance Assessment, as well as concerns over the perceived lack of parking for faculty.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.

[name of the secretary]

Approved: [month day, year]

Present	Absent	Total	Quorum
60	10	70	36

Agriculture and Natural Resources	Laura Schmitt Olabisi	X	Absent
Agriculture and Natural Resources	Jeff Swada	X	Present
Agriculture and Natural Resources	Henry Chung	x	Present
Agriculture and Natural Resources	Holly Wang	X	Present
Agriculture and Natural Resources	Narendra Das	X	Present
Arts and Letters	Jon Frey	x	Present
Arts and Letters	Alejandra Marquez	x	Present
Arts and Letters	Jon Keune	x	Present
Arts and Letters	Brahim Chakrani	X	Present

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Arts and Letters	Jeff Wray	x	Present	
				Erna Kljaic-Dugalic
ASMSU	Genevieve Lucas	x	Present	
At Large	Justin St. Charles	x	Present	
At Large	Elizabeth Gardner	X	Present	
At Large	John Aerni-Flessner	x	Present	
At Large	Kyoo il-Kim	x	Present	
At Large	Jack Lipton	x	Present	
Athletic Council	Gerald Urquhart		X	Absent
Business	Ahmet Kirca	x	Present	
Business	Dwight Handspike	x	Present	
Business	Michelle Nessa	x	Present	
COGS	Priyanka Kothari	X	Present	Nic Heilman
Communication Arts and Sciences	Casey O'Donnell		X	Absent
Communication Arts and Sciences	David Markowitz	x	Present	
Education	Rebecca Jacobsen		X	Absent
Education	Stefanie Marshall	x	Present	
Education	Monica Byrne-Jimenez	x	Present	
Emeriti Faculty	Peter Berg		X	Absent

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Engineering	Dana Spence	X	Present
Engineering	Huazhen Fang	X	Present
Engineering	Yadu Pokhrel	X	Absent
Engineering	Joydeep Mitra	x	Present
Engineering	Jitao Zhang	X	Present
Human Medicine	Nadia Abuelezam		#N/A
Human Medicine	Sabrina Ford	x	Present
Human Medicine	Pending		#N/A
Human Medicine	Bruce Uhal	x	Present
Human Medicine	Natoshia Cunningham	x	Present
Secretary for Academic Governance	Teresa Cuellar	x	Absent
James Madison	Nicholas Reynolds		
James Madison	Pending		#N/A
James Madison	Allison Berg	X	Present
James Madison	Andaluna Borcila	x	Present
Law	Glen Staszewski	x	Present
Law	Stephen Wilks	X	Absent
Non-College Faculty	Gen Iverson	x	Present
Non-College Faculty	Jonglim Han	x	Present
Non-College Faculty	Mahmoud Parvizi	X	Present

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Lyman Briggs	Stef Shuster	x	Present	Doug Luckie
Lyman Briggs	Jennifer Doherty	x	Present	
Music	Michael Largey	X	Present	
Music	Octavio Mas-Arocas	x	Present	
Natural Science	Lindsey Claire Wlosinski	X	Present	
Natural Science	Megan Elwood Madden	x	Present	
Natural Science	Yuying Xie	x	Present	
Natural Science	Andrew Christlieb	x	Present	
Natural Science	Saul Berceio Novo	X	Present	
Nursing	Horn-Shiuan Wu	x	Present	
Nursing	Michael Martel	x	Present	
Osteopathic Medicine	Pending		#N/A	
Osteopathic Medicine	Nathan Tykocki	x	Present	
Osteopathic Medicine	Sarah Tilden	x	Present	
Osteopathic Medicine	Martha Faner		X	Absent
President	Kevin Guskiewicz	x	Present	
Provost	Laura Lee McIntyre		X	Absent

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Social Science	Pending		#N/A	Pending New Co-CAC
Social Science	Linda Halgunseth	x	Present	Claire Valloton
Social Science	Brandy Ellison	X	Present	
Social Science	Sue Grady	X	Present	
UCAG	Diana Bello-DeOcampo	x	Present	
UCC	Marci Mechtel	x	Present	
UCFA	John McElroy	X	Present	
UCFT	Kevin Douglas	x	Present	
UCGS	Trixi Smith	x	Present	Ruth Shillair
UCL	Pending		#N/A	
UCUE	Rachel Barnard	x	Present	
Veterinary Medicine	Pending		#N/A	
Veterinary Medicine	Andres Contreras	x	Present	
Veterinary Medicine	Sarah Jacob	x	Present	