The Steering Committee

Draft Minutes

January 7, 2025

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

Present: T. Jeitschko, V. Nelson, A. Wilson, J. Lipton, J. St. Charles, J. Aerni-Flessner, E. Gardner, V. Wensloff, J. Alan, S. Barman, T. Smith, A. Amir, C. Le, N. Lubben, M. Roberts

Absent: K. Guskiewicz, L. Wolff, M. Dallas, C. Warren

A regular meeting of the Steering Committee was held on January 7, 2025 at 3:17pm via Zoom with Chairperson Wilson presiding. The agenda was approved as presented. The minutes of the December 3, 2024 meeting were approved as presented.

Written Reports

The committee reviewed written reports summarizing activities in December submitted by each standing committee and the student governments except for UCGS, UCFT, and UCL which did not meet in December. UCAG Chairperson Gardner and UCFA Chairperson Alan provided verbal reports to supplement their committee's written reports. UCAG Chairperson Gardner updated the committee on the procedures UCAG would follow to create slates of nominees for faculty elections this spring and a presentation the committee received from At-Large Member St. Charles and Deputy Secretary Pineda about non-college faculty representation in university-level governance. UCFA Chairperson Alan discussed UCFA's newly established faculty conflict management working group and further revisions to the Conflict of Commitment Policy.

Honors College Dean Search

Chairperson Wilson introduced the memo sent to the Steering Committee by Interim Provost Jeitschko that requested advice from the Steering Committee on the search for the next Dean of the Honors College. Interim Provost Jeitschko explained his request and answered questions from the committee. Secretary Nelson proposed a procedure the Steering Committee would follow to provide advice to the provost following the *Procedures for Faculty and Student Participation in the Selection of Specified University Level Administrators*. A vote on the procedures was conducted by a show of hands, and the vote passed.

Develop Faculty Senate Agenda

The agenda for the January Faculty Senate meeting was approved by general consent with the following new business items:

1. Presentation on MSU Innovation
2. UCFA Standing Committee Annual Report

Develop University Council Agenda

The agenda for the January University Council meeting was approved by general consent with the following new business items:

1. Athletic Council Fall FAR Written Report
2. UCL Standing Committee Annual Report
3. UCAG Bylaw Amendment

Roundtable

Chairperson Wilson discussed an interest in having increased engagement from faculty senators in bringing forward items for discussion at the Faculty Senate. Secretary Nelson explained the procedure for submitting issues to her office for consideration in academic governance.

Amir raised a question regarding the process that would be used to solicit nominees for the university committee established in the revisions to BOT 607, *Investment Policy*. Secretary Nelson agreed to look into the issue and follow up with more information.

Chairperson Wilson requested topics for discussion from the faculty of the Steering Committee for the upcoming engagements in February with the Board of Trustees. The faculty discussed how they will select the liaisons to attend the working lunch and Board of Trustees meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:57pm.

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Victoria Nelson
Secretary for Academic Governance
Approved: