The Steering Committee

Draft Minutes

February 4, 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, M. Roberts, C. Warren, A. Tessmer

Absent: L. Wolff, M. Dallas, N. Lubben, K. Guskiewicz

A regular meeting of the Steering Committee was held on February 4, 2025 at 3:15pm via Zoom with Chairperson Wilson presiding. The agenda was approved as presented. The minutes of the January 7, 2025 meeting were approved as corrected.

Written Reports

The committee reviewed written reports summarizing standing committee and student government activities in January from the University Committees on Academic Governance, Faculty Affairs, Graduate Studies, and Undergraduate Education, and the Associated Students of Michigan State University. To supplement UCAG's written report, At-Large Member St. Charles provided an update on the *ad hoc* committee of UCAG that is examining the issue of non-college faculty representation in university-level governance. UCUE Chairperson Warren provided an overview of UCUE's report.

RCAH Discussion

Interim Provost Jeitschko introduced his letter to the Steering Committee, requesting advice on who he should consult as he considers integrating the Residential College in the Arts and Humanities with the College of Arts and Letters. The committee discussed the request and recommended that the provost consult the UCFA, UCFT, UCAG, UCUE, and UCC.

Retiree Health Plan Issues

Secretary Nelson introduced an item submitted to her office regarding health plans for retirees. The item was routed to the UCFA and the Faculty Healthcare Council.

Develop Faculty Senate Agenda

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

1. Faculty Election Slate Approval for At-Large Members and Athletic Council
2. Faculty Senate Election for UMEAC and UCSLE
3. Faculty Raise Memo
4. UCFT Standing Committee Annual Report
5. Presentation on Government Relations and Federal Law Landscape
6. Resolution in Support of Diversity

Develop University Council Agenda

At-Large Member Lipton raised a point regarding the length and content of remarks by university officers during the Faculty Senate and University Council meetings. The committee discussed the issue. The agenda for the February University Council meeting was then approved by general consent with the following new business items:

1. UCUE Standing Committee Annual Report
2. UCGS Standing Committee Annual Report
3. Presentation on OISS Visa Issues and Resources for Students

Roundtable

At-Large Member Aerni-Flessner asked about the rescheduling of the Future of DEI panel, which focuses on DEI policy at MSU. Interim Provost Jeitschko addressed the question.

Secretary Nelson discussed the election processes her office is undertaking this semester.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:21pm.

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Victoria Nelson
Secretary for Academic Governance
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