

The Steering Committee

Draft Minutes

April 1, 2025



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Present: T. Jeitschko, H. Pineda, A. Wilson, J. Lipton, J. St. Charles, A. Tessmer, J. Aerni-Flessner, E. Gardner, V. Wensloff, J. Alan, S. Barman, T. Smith, M. Roberts, C. Warren, A. Sharp

Absent: K. Guskiewicz, L. Wolff, A. Amir, C. Le, N. Lubben

A regular meeting of the Steering Committee was held on April 1, 2025 at 3:15pm via Zoom with Chairperson Wilson presiding. The agenda was approved as presented. The minutes of the March 11, 2025 meeting were approved as presented.

Remarks

Chairperson Wilson provided remarks to the committee.

Verbal Reports

The chairpersons of the University Committees on Academic Governance; Curriculum; Faculty Affairs; Faculty Tenure; Graduate Studies; Student Life and Engagement; and Undergraduate Education provided verbal reports to the Steering Committee. COGS President Miles Roberts also provided verbal reports to the Steering Committee.

RCAH Merger Consultation Process

The Steering Committee advised Interim Provost Jeitschko to consult the University Committees on Academic Governance; Curriculum; Faculty Affairs; Faculty Tenure; and Undergraduate Education on a proposal to merge the Residential College in the Arts and Humanities with the College of Arts and Letters.

Learning Goals Initiatives

Assistant Dean Amy Martin presented to the committee about efforts to reinvigorate MSU's learning goals for continued student success efforts. MSU currently has five established learning goals that stem from the Student Success Strategic Plan. The current project aims to create student-centered learning goals that are easy for students to understand. Martin sought feedback and recommendations on the project.

Academic Governance Continuity: Summer Availability and Engagement

Interim Provost Jeitschko requested that the Steering Committee consider how academic governance engagement can be maintained during the summer months. Feedback was requested by the end of April.

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Search for the Secretary for Academic Governance

Interim Provost Jeitschko presented the draft position description and search positions for the Secretary for Academic Governance. The draft description reclassifies the position to an administrative staff role with dual reporting line to the Vice Provost for Faculty and Academic Staff Affairs and the Faculty Senate Chair.

Discussion Regarding Strengthening Interaction Between University and College-Level Governance (Bylaw 3.4.2.10.)

Chairperson Angela Wilson led a discussion on improving communication between the university- and college-level governance. No formal motions were presented.

Development of the Faculty Senate Agenda

The agenda for the April Faculty Senate meeting was approved by consensus with the following new business:

1. Revised Conflict of Interest and Conflict of Commitment Identification and Disclosure Policy
2. CHM/COM Joint Resolution on One Health
3. Report from the Athletic Council
4. Resolution from the BIG10 Faculty Senates
5. Introductions from the 2025-2026 Faculty Senate Chair and Vice Chair

Development of the University Council Agenda

The agenda for the April University Council meeting was approved by consensus with the following new business:

1. MSU and Henry Ford Partnership
2. Annual Report from the UCC
3. Amendments to the Bylaws for Academic Governance
4. Annual Reports from the Advisory-Consultative Committees

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:38pm.

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Approved: