

# The Steering Committee

Approved Minutes  
September 2, 2025



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**Present:** K. Guskiewicz, T. Cuellar, M. Mechtel, S. Barman, A. Wilson, J. Aerni-Flessner, T. Pham, E. Gardner, N. Heilman, A. Robison, L. McIntyre, J. St. Charles, A. Tessmer, J. Lipton, P. Kothari, K. Harding, J. Alan, N. Hubbard, N. Reynolds, H. Pineda, K. Yermak, L. Kuczajda, K. Dodd, C. Goerger

**Absent:** C. Warren

A regular meeting of the Steering Committee was held on September 02, 2025, at 3:15 p.m. via Zoom with Chairperson Wilson presiding. The agenda was approved as presented. The draft minutes for April 1, 2025, meeting were approved as presented. The draft minutes for May 27, 2025, meeting were approved as presented. The draft minutes for August 26, 2025, special meeting were approved as presented.

## Remarks

President Guskiewicz and Provost McIntyre gave brief remarks to the Steering Committee. President Guskiewicz in his remarks gave an update regarding enrollment for the university. He touched based on the VPRI search that will be commencing. Provost McIntyre was welcomed as a new faculty member to Michigan State University; she previously worked at the University of Oregon.

Chair Wilson motioned to move on to new business. Motion was approved.

## One Team, One Health Vision

Dean Dodd of the College of Veterinary Medicine and Norm Hubbard are the co-chairs of the One Team, One Health Council. The council and task forces for this initiative are composed of 48 members. This presentation was given to obtain feedback from the Steering Committee in engaging across the university and to receive feedback. Steering Committee members gave feedback and also had an opportunity to ask insightful questions.

Vice Chair Aerni-Flessner Motioned for Dean Dodd and Norm Hubbard attend Faculty Senate for a Q&A on One Health at their meeting on September 16, 2025. majority of the members voting in the affirmative. Motion passed.

## Concerns Regarding Procedures for Electing Faculty to University-Level Committees

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Steering Committee Member Alan brought forth an issue on elections, committee member Alan reviewed an email from a member saying that they had been asked to step down from UCFA by their dean. Faculty members are reminded that they are elected to the committees and should reach out to the Office of Academic Governance if any issues arise. This was referred to UCAG for further discussion.

## **Structure of Monthly Verbal Reports**

Chairperson Wilson briefly discussed having chairpersons of the respective committees rotate in presenting monthly verbal reports to the Faculty Senate each month.

## **Monthly Newsletter from the Chair of the Steering Committee**

Chairperson Wilson briefly mentioned having a monthly newsletter sent out from her each month.

## **Remarks from the Student Body Presidents at University Council**

ASMSU and COGS will be rotating meetings at the University Council when giving reports.

## **Develop Faculty Senate and University Council Agendas**

Faculty Senate:

1. **Approval of the Agenda for September 16, 2025**
2. **Approval of the Draft Minutes for April 15, 2025**
3. **Remarks**
  - 3.1 President Kevin M. Guskiewicz, Ph.D.
  - 3.2 Provost Laura Lee McIntyre, Ph.D.
  - 3.3 Chairperson Angela K. Wilson, Ph.D.
4. **Orientation**
5. **New Business**
  - 5.1 **Special Meeting Notification**  
Chairperson Angela Wilson

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At-Large Faculty Member Jack Lipton

## **5.2 Summer Policy Updates from Governance**

### **5.2.1 DEI in the RPT Process**

Representative from the Office of the Provost

### **5.2.2 Amendments to the Bylaws for Academic Governance**

Secretary for Academic Governance Teresa Cuellar

### **5.2.3 Update on the Union of Tenure System Faculty**

Vice Provost and Associate Vice President for Faculty and  
Academic Staff Affairs Teresa Mastin

## **5.3 Q&A- One Team, One Health Vision Discussion**

## **6. Comments from the Floor**

University Council Agenda:

### **1. Approval of the Agenda for September 23, 2025**

### **2. Approval of the Draft Minutes for April 22, 2025**

### **3. Remarks**

3.1 President Kevin M. Guskiewicz, Ph.D.

3.2 Provost Laura Lee McIntyre, Ph.D.

3.3 Chairperson Angela K. Wilson, Ph.D.

### **4. New Business**

#### **4.1 Update from Government Relations**

Associate Vice President for Federal Relations Sarah Walter

### **5. Comments from the Floor**

## **Resolution**

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A resolution was put forth by at large member Jack Lipton. This resolution is to support Lisa Cook principle of due process and supports Professor Cook in her current role on the Federal Reserve Board of Governors. There was a motion to referred to Faculty Senate; the motion was seconded and will now be referred to Faculty Senate.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

*Teresa Cuellar*

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**Approved: October 07, 2025**