

The Steering Committee

Draft Minutes
March 10, 2026



Present: L. McIntyre, T. Cuellar, K. Kim, J. Aerni-Flessner, J. St. Charles, J. Lipton, A. Tessmer, E. Gardner, M. Mechtel, J. Alan, A. Robinson, T. Wahl, C. Warren, K. Harding (D. Sparks substituting), N. Heilman, P. Kothari, S. Fireberg, T. Pham

Absent: K. Guskiewicz, K. Douglas

A regular meeting of the Steering Committee was held on March 10, 2026, at 3:15 PM via Zoom with Chairperson Aerni-Flessner presiding. The agenda was approved as amended. The minutes of the February 3, 2026, meeting were approved as presented.

Remarks

Chairperson Aerni-Flessner provided remarks to the Steering Committee.

Verbal Reports

Verbal reports from standing committees were provided to the Steering Committee for review.

Vice Provost and Dean of Undergraduate Education Search Feedback

Secretary Cuellar provided an update regarding the feedback that will be provided to the Provost's Office on the Vice Provost and Dean of Undergraduate Education search. A motion was made to approve the initial feedback and the plan as presented by the provost. With no further discussion, the committee voted, and the motion passed. The feedback will be forwarded to the provost so the search process can proceed.

Syllabus Public Availability

Vice Provost Marcio Oliveira provided feedback and information regarding the availability of syllabi across different units. It was indicated that although colleges and departments have repositories, the university does not have a university-wide repository as of now. It was suggested that representatives from the Office of the General Counsel could be invited to provide clarification. Marcio also clarified that references to syllabi being "publicly available" were intended to be accessible within the MSU community, not externally. No further questions were raised.

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Request for Governance Interpretation: Status of ICER and OR&I Under the Bylaws for Academic Governance

Non-College Faculty Senator Mahmoud Parvizi came before the Steering Committee to discuss his belief that the Institute for Cyber-Enabled Research and the Office of Research and Innovation are both academic units and thus will allow for representation in academic governance. Vice-Chair Lipton made the argument that because the academic specialists no longer report to the Provost, they do not fall under the academic umbrella and thus are not part of academic units. After further discussion, it was determined that for the University Committee on Academic Governance to determine what is and isn't an academic unit, the Provost's Office needs to set guidelines to assure the question is properly answered to which Provost McIntyre agreed.

Using Test Scores in Undergraduate Admissions

Vice Provost Dave Weatherspoon came before the Steering Committee to discuss the possibility of changes to the use of test scores in undergraduate admissions. The issue was steered to the University Committee on Undergraduate Education, with hopes that University Council would approve such changes at its April meeting.

MSU-Henry Ford Health Partnership

Chairperson Aerni-Flessner indicated that Senior Vice President for Health Sciences Norm Hubbard wished to speak to Faculty Senate regarding the partnership between MSU and the Henry Ford Health System. The item was then steered to the Faculty Senate.

Libraries Representation Discussion

Libraries CAC Chair Joshua Barton and Julia Ezzo came before the Steering Committee to make the argument that the Libraries are separate from the non-college space and thus have dedicated seats on academic governance bodies. The issue was steered to the University Committee on Academic Governance.

Civil Rights Non-Discrimination Policy

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Chief of Staff for the Office for Civil Rights and Title IX Education and Compliance Scott Jones asked for the changes to the Civil Rights Non-Discrimination Policy to be steered to Faculty Senate, which was approved.

Develop Faculty Senate and University Council Agendas

Faculty Senate

1. **Approval of the Agenda for March 17, 2026**
2. **Approval of the Draft Minutes for February 17, 2026**
3. **Remarks**
 - 3.1. President Kevin M. Guskiewicz, Ph.D.
 - 3.2. Provost Laura Lee McIntyre, Ph.D.
 - 3.3. Chairperson John Aerni-Flessner
4. **Returning Business**
5. **New Business**
 - 5.1. **Green and White Council Update**

Sanjay Gupta, Co-Chair of the Green and White Council
Matt Elliott, Co-Chair of the Green and White Council
Amy Hertel, Senior Advisor to the Provost for Strategic Initiatives
Marcio Oliveira, Vice Provost for Academic Innovation
 - 5.2. **Office of Civil Rights-Policy Updates**

Chief of Staff Scott Jones
 - 5.3. **Announcement of ALM Results**

Secretary Cuellar
 - 5.4. **MSU-Henry Ford Health Partnership**

Norm Hubbard, Senior Vice President for Health Sciences
6. **Comments from the Floor**

University Council

1. **Approval of the Agenda for March 24, 2026**
2. **Approval of the Draft Minutes for February 24, 2026**

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3. Remarks

- 3.1. President Kevin M. Guskiewicz, Ph.D.
- 3.2. Provost Laura Lee McIntyre, Ph.D.

4. Returning Business

5. New Business

5.1. **Cyber Security at MSU**

Vennie Gore, Executive Vice President for Administration
Richard Czarnecki, Chief Information Officer
Andy Weisskopf, Chief Information Security Officer

5.2. **University Committee on Graduate Studies**

Committee Chair Robison

5.3. **University Committee on Student Affairs**

Committee Chair Fireberg

5.4. **One Team One Health**

5.5. **Council of Graduate Students Update**

Priyanka Kothari, President of the Council of Graduate Students

6. Comments from the Floor

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 PM.

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Approved: [month day, year]