

Academic Congress Vote

The Academic Congress of Michigan State University consists of the 4,103 faculty members currently employed by the institution. This body was called upon to vote on two resolutions put forth by the faculty members of the Steering Committee. We want to thank all the faculty that took the time to exercise their right to vote.

The resolutions asked the faculty if they had:

- A) “Confidence and trust” in President Guskiewicz to “effectively lead” Michigan State University
- B) “Confidence and trust” in the Board of Trustees to “effectively oversee” Michigan State University

This vote came about in response to the May announcement by President Guskiewicz that he was leaving for Clemson University, a five-week period of silence on our leadership limbo from the Board of Trustees, and then a July announcement that President Guskiewicz would, in fact, stay at MSU. The faculty members of Steering Committee had already scheduled a meeting on July 7th, 2026, to discuss the leadership situation when the President’s July 6th announcement came to our inboxes.

The Academic Congress vote has given ALL faculty the chance to have their voices heard. In calling the Academic Congress, Steering fulfilled its fundamental responsibility both to convey the collective sentiment of the faculty to the administration, and to ensure that all faculty members are informed of where their peers stand regarding confidence and trust in the President and the Board. The results provide data from a key constituency on campus that the President and Board of Trustees can use as they continue to lead this institution forward.

We take our jobs as elected faculty representatives seriously and will continue to advocate in the best interest of the diverse faculty of this great institution. There is great work ongoing across campus, and we are here to support that. Thank you again to the faculty for considering the issues, for voting, and for taking the time to make our voices heard for the betterment of Michigan State University. Go Green!