

University Committee on Academic Governance

Draft Minutes

September 4, 2025



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Present: Elizabeth (Liz) Gardner, Julia Ezzo, Diana Bello-DeOcampo, Teresa Cuellar, Christopher Maxwell Stacia Moroski-Rigney, Shawnee Vickery, Daniel Kramer, Heidi Pineda, Jiying Ling, Orville Cayaditto, Nick Reynolds, Rick Hallgren, Gerald (Jerry) Urquhart, Martin Crimp, Mary Juzwik, Laura MacDonald, Arthur Versluis, , Gordon Sly, Nic Heilman, Saleem Alhabash

Absent: Frank Ravitch, N. Bari Olivier

A regular meeting of the University Committee on Academic Governance was held on September 4, 2025, at 2:43 pm in-person and on Zoom with Chairperson Gardner presiding. The agenda was approved as written. The minutes of the April 24, 2025, meeting were approved as written.

Introductions

Members in attendance introduced themselves.

New Business

An orientation to UCAG was provided by Secretary of Academic Governance Cuellar, Chairperson Gardner, Secretary Ezzo, and Vice Chairperson Bello-DeOcampo.

Elections for the positions of Chairperson (Elizabeth (Liz) Gardner unanimously elected), Vice Chairperson (Diana Bello-DeOcampo unanimously elected), and Secretary (Julia Ezzo unanimously elected) for the 2025-2026 year were conducted.

Special Advisor to the Secretary for Academic Governance Pineda provided updates regarding work that was conducted over the summer.

Secretary for Academic Governance Cuellar gave an overview for the upcoming academic year.

Chairperson Gardner presented proposed amendments to the Athletic Council Bylaws regarding how FARs will be selected. Discussion regarding the number of FARs per term, how voting at the NCAA-level would be conducted if MSU had more than one FAR at a time, and what “staggered term” means in this context. Motion to table until language is clarified. Approved.

Special Advisor to the Secretary for Academic Governance Pineda noted that UCAG needed to provide their interpretation regarding University Bylaw 4.2.4.3 requirement for open meetings for University-level standing committees and if

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this bylaw affects subcommittees and ad hoc committees of those standing committees. Discussion. Motion that the University Committee on Academic Governance has interpreted section 4.2.4.3, requiring University-level standing committee meetings to be open and subcommittees and ad hoc committees of standing committees are not required to be open. No discussion. Approved.

Vice Chairperson Bello-DeOcampo presented a draft of evaluation guidelines for selecting slates of nominees. Discussion. Motion to table until the September 25, 2025, meeting. Approved.

Secretary Ezzo discussed proposed revisions to the application for the Pool of Faculty Volunteers (POFV). Discussion. Motion to table until the September 25, 2025, meeting. Approved.

Secretary for Academic Governance Cuellar clarified UCAG meeting dates for the 2025-2026 academic year.

Comments from the Floor

Chairperson Gardner thanked Special Advisor to the Secretary for Academic Governance Pineda for her support this past year. Welcomes were given to Secretary for Academic Governance Cuellar, Deputy Secretary for Academic Governance Reynolds, and Assistant to the Secretary for Academic Governance Cayaditto.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:04 p.m.

Julia Ezzo

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Secretary for UCAG

Approved: