

University Council

Draft Minutes

September 30, 2025



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A regular meeting of the University Council was held on September 30, 2025, at 3:15pm via Zoom with President Kevin Guskiewicz presiding. The agenda was approved as presented. The minutes of the April 21, 2025, meeting were approved as presented.

Remarks

President Kevin Guskiewicz, Provost Laura Lee McIntyre, and Faculty Senate Chairperson Angela Wilson provided remarks to the University Council.

Update from Government Relations

Congress remains at an impasse on passing a continuing resolution (CR). The Senate is expected to vote again on two proposals (a CR through Nov. 21 and a Democratic alternative through Oct. 31), but both are likely to fail. A one-week CR may be introduced overnight. A government shutdown is therefore very likely.

MSU is coordinating closely with the Big Ten, AAU, APLU, and other associations to advocate in Washington. University leadership is also engaging with federal agencies, state associations, and corporate partners to mitigate risks, protect research funding, and support international students and scholars.

Update from Associated Students at Michigan State University (ASMSU)

ASMSU President Kathryn Harding provided an update on the work of the undergraduate student government. This year is especially significant as ASMSU prepares for a spring referendum to renew and increase the \$21-per-semester student tax, which funds events, services, and RSO support. To strengthen student engagement, ASMSU is hosting an open forum, launching its Student Allocation Board funding process, and holding fall elections to fill vacant General Assembly seats. Harding highlighted student mental health as the primary issue, noting strong opposition to the proposed absorption of psychiatric services and staff layoffs. A student petition gained more than 1,400 signatures, and ASMSU passed a resolution affirming support for CAPS in its current form under the leadership of Dr. Swapna Hingwe. She emphasized that any decisions about student mental health services must be transparent, consultative, and aligned with MSU's commitment to well-being under the

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Okanagan Charter. In addition, ASMSU is working with the “One Team, One Health” initiative to ensure student perspectives are considered in planning for health and medical education. Harding closed by reaffirming ASMSU’s commitment to amplifying student voices and advocating for student-centered decisions throughout the year.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:26 p.m.

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Approved:

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Attendance	
Present	99
Absent	34
Total	133
Quorum	68

Constituency/Title	Name	Attendance
Athletic Council	Rebecca Malouin	Present
Administration	Dave Weatherspoon	Present
Administration	Allyn Shaw	Absent
Administration	Doug Gage	Present
Administration	Pero Dagbovie	Present
Administration	Laurie Van	Absent
Administration	Mark Largent	Present
Administration	Richard Czarnecki	Absent
Administration	Steve Shablin	Absent
Administration	Teresa Mastin	Present
Administration	Judith Stoddart	Present
President	Kevin Guskiewicz	Present
Provost	Laura Lee McIntyre	Present
Administration	Vennie Gore	Present
Administration	Marcio Oliveira	Present
Administration	Kwesi Brookins	Present
Agriculture and Natural Resources	Matt Daum	Absent
Arts and Letters	Thomas Stubblefield	Absent
ASMSU	Kathryn Harding	Present
ASMSU	Nicholas Chenault	Present
ASMSU	Jason Mason	Present
ASMSU	Andie Anghel	Present

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ASMSU	Blake Grosfield	Present
ASMSU	Riya Jacob	Absent
ASMSU	Suriay Feto	Present
ASMSU	Pavithra Elavarasan	Absent
ASMSU	Aesha Zakaria	Present
ASMSU	Adharshini Ananth	Absent
ASMSU	Miriam Taleb	Absent
ASMSU	Tony Pham	Present
Business	David Souder	Present Ranjani Ananthakrishnan
COGS	Priyanka Kothari	Absent
COGS	Nic Heilman	Present
COGS	Paige Baisley	Present
COGS	Derek Bowman	Present
COGS	Kyle Davis	Present
COGS	Shatrughan Shiva	Present
COGS	Meghana Karumuri	Present
Communication Arts and Sciences	Heidi Hennink- Kaminski	Present
Education	Jerlando F.L. Jackson	Present
Emeriti Faculty	Jane Vieth	Present
Engineering	John Papapolymerou	Absent
Faculty Grievance	Francisco Villarruel	Present
FRIB	Thomas Glasmacher	Absent
Human Medicine	Aron Sousa	Present Carol Paker
International Studies and Programs	Titus Awokuse	Present Nizar Lajnef
James Madison	Cameron Thies	Present
Law	Michael Sant'Ambrogio	Absent

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Constituency/Title	Name	Attendance
Libraries	Neil Romanosky	Absent
Lyman Briggs	Kendra Spence Cheruvellil	Present
Music	Jim Forger	Absent
Natural Science	Eric Hegg	Absent
Nursing	Leigh Small	Present
Ombudsperson	Shannon Burton	Present
Osteopathic Medicine	Joyce deJong	Present
RCAH	Glenn Chambers	Absent
Social Science	Brent Donnellan	Present
Veterinary Medicine	Kimberly Dodd	Present
Agriculture and Natural Resources	David Skole	Present
Agriculture and Natural Resources	Satish Joshi	Present
Agriculture and Natural Resources	Henry Chung	Present
Agriculture and Natural Resources	Holly Wang	Present
Agriculture and Natural Resources	Lorraine Weatherspoon	Present
Arts and Letters	Alejandra Marquez	Present
Arts and Letters	Tze-Lan San	Absent
Arts and Letters	Victor Rodriguez-Pereira	Present
Arts and Letters	Danielle DeVoss	Present
Arts and Letters	Lucas Nunn	Present
ASMSU	Ahmed Amir	Absent
At Large	Justin St. Charles	Present
At Large	Angela Wilson	Present
At Large	Jack Lipton	Present
At Large	Antoinette Tessmer	Present

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At Large	John Aerni-Flessner	Present
Business	Naveen Khanna	Present
Business	Dwight Handspike	Present
Business	Michelle Nessa	Present
Communication Arts and Sciences	Casey O'Donnell	Absent
Communication Arts and Sciences	Rabindra "Robby" Ratan	Present
Education	Doug Hartman	Present
Education	Kristy Stein	Present
Education	Jungmin Kwon	Present
Education	Matthew Brodhead	Present
Emeriti Faculty	Peter Berg	Absent
Engineering	Neil Wright	Present
Engineering	Rebecca Anthony	Present
Engineering	Ruiguo Yang	Present
Engineering	Mark Worden	Present
Engineering	Bei Fan	Absent
FRIB	Oscar Naviliat	Present
Human Medicine	Natoshia Cunningham	Present
Human Medicine	James Anthony	Present
Human Medicine	Sabrina Ford	Present
Human Medicine	Kelly Hodges	Present
Human Medicine	Bruce Uhal	Present
James Madison	Yael Aronoff	Present
James Madison	Andaluna Borcila	Present Replacing Tobin Craig for AY 25-26
Law	Glen Staszewski	Present
Law	Stephen Wilks	Absent

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Libraries	Gen Iverson	Present
Libraries	Eli Landaverde	Present
Lyman Briggs	Megan Halpern	Present
Lyman Briggs	Samantha Cass	Present
Music	Guy Yehuda	Absent
Music	Elden Little	Absent Replacing Sarah Long for FS25
Natural Science	Diana Bello DeOcampo	Present
Natural Science	Pavel Sikorskii	Present
Natural Science	Andrew Christlieb	Absent
Natural Science	Demetre Kazaras	Absent
Natural Science	Yuying Xie	Present
Nursing	Horng-Shiuann Wu	Present
Nursing	Rhonda Conner- Warren	Absent
Osteopathic Medicine	Sarah Tilden	Present
Osteopathic Medicine	Shane Crandall	Present
Osteopathic Medicine	Nathan Tykocki	Present
Osteopathic Medicine	Martha Faner	Absent
RCAH	Scot Yoder	Present Laura MacDonald
RCAH	Eric Aronoff	Present
Social Science	Sue Grady	Absent
Social Science	Joseph Kozakiewicz	Present
Social Science	Laurie Bullock	Present Ryan Bowles
Social Science	David Wheat	Absent
UCAG	Elizabeth Gardner	Present
UCC	Marci Mechtel	Present
UCFA	Jamie Alan	Present
UCFT	Kevin Douglas	Present

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UCGS	Alfred (AJ) Robinson	Present
UCL	Tiffany Wahl	Present
UCSA	Robert LaDuca	Absent
UCUE	Chastity Warren	Present
Veterinary Medicine	Jim Wagner	Present
Veterinary Medicine	Andres Contreras	Present
Veterinary Medicine	Dodd Sledge	Absent