

# University Council

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A regular meeting of the University Council was held on February 24, 2026 at 3:15 PM via Zoom with President Guskiewicz presiding. The agenda was approved as presented. The minutes of the January 27, 2026, meeting were approved as presented.

## **Remarks**

President Guskiewicz, Provost Laura Lee McIntyre, and Faculty Senate Chairperson John Aerni-Flessner, provided remarks to the University Council.

## **Administration Preparedness for Immigration Issues**

Chair Aerni-Flessner discussed the issue of the university administration's preparedness for immigration issues that may arise on campus. Chair Aerni-Flessner reiterated the importance of students reaching out to the Office of General Counsel to ensure that they are not unjustly targeted. Another issue brought up was the issue of faculty recruitment and retention, specifically making sure that faculty are protected regardless of where they were born. President Guskiewicz reinforced his support for assuring that the university's campus community is protected from any undue immigration enforcement efforts that threaten the students, faculty and staff. Those affected were advised to go to [issr.msu.edu/faq/index.html](http://issr.msu.edu/faq/index.html) for more information. Dean Awokuse also discussed the ways that the Office of Internal Students and Scholars is working to protect immigrant students and handle immigration issues across campus. Provost McIntyre discussed the changes regarding H1B visas and how other Big Ten institutions were handling the issue. Specifically, the Deans and Chairs were directed to run search processes for international scholars with as much inclusivity as possible, irrespective of the visa status of the scholar. Startup funding would then be provided to help provide for the costs associated with applying for a visa for the international scholar to prevent losses of qualified international scholars.

## **Committee Reports**

Chairs Wahl (University Committee on the Libraries), Douglas (University Committee on Faculty Tenure), and Warren (University Committee on Undergraduate Education) gave verbal reports regarding the work of their

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respective committees. ASMSU Vice President for Governmental Affairs Deonte Sparks gave a report on ASMSU's work on behalf of President Kathryn Harding.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 4:33 PM.

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[name of the secretary]

**Approved:** [month day, year]

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Present	Absent	Total	Quorum
82	52	134	68.5

Athletic Council	Rebecca	Malouin	X	Absent
				#N/A
				#N/A
Administration	Dave	Weatherspoon	X	Present
Administration	Suchitra	Webster	X	Present
Administration	Shashank	Priya	X	Present
Administration	Pero	Dagbovie	X	Present
Administration	Laurie	Van	X	Absent
Administration	Mark	Largent	X	Present
Administration	Richard	Czarnecki	X	Absent
Administration	Steve	Shablin	X	Absent
Administration	Teresa	Mastin	X	Present
Administration	Judith	Stoddart	X	Present
President	Kevin	Guskiewicz	X	Present
Provost	Laura Lee	McIntyre	X	Present
Administration	Vennie	Gore	X	Present
Administration	Marcio	Oliveira	X	Present
Administration	Kwesi	Brookins	X	Absent
Agriculture and Natural Resources	Matt	Daum	X	Absent

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Arts and Letters	Thomas	Stubblefield	X	Present	
ASMSU	Kathryn	Harding	X	Present	Deonte Sparks
ASMSU	Nicholas	Chenault		X	Absent
ASMSU	Jason	Mason		X	Absent
ASMSU	Andie	Anghel		X	Absent
ASMSU	Blake	Grosfield		X	Absent
ASMSU	Riya	Jacob		X	Absent
ASMSU	Suriay	Feto		X	Absent
ASMSU	Pavithra	Elavarasan		X	Absent
ASMSU	Aesha	Zakaria		X	Absent
ASMSU	Adharshini	Ananth		X	Absent
ASMSU	Miriam	Taleb		X	Absent
ASMSU	Tony	Pham	X		Present
ASMSU					#N/A
ASMSU					#N/A
ASMSU					#N/A
ASMSU					#N/A
Business	David	Souder		X	Absent
					Ranjani Ananthakrishnan
COGS	Priyanka	Kothari		X	Absent
COGS	Nic	Heilman	X		Present
COGS	Paige	Baisley		X	Absent
COGS	Derek	Bowman		X	Absent
COGS	Kyle	Davis		X	Absent
COGS	Shatrughan	Shiva		X	Absent
COGS	Meghana	Karumuri		X	Absent

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Communication Arts and Sciences	Heidi	Hennink-Kaminski	X	Present
Education	Jerlando	F.L. Jackson	X	Present
Emeriti Faculty	Jane	Vieth	X	Present
Engineering	John	Papapolymerou	X	Present
Faculty Grievance	Francisco	Villarruel	X	Present
FRIB	Thomas	Glasmacher		X Absent
Human Medicine	Supratik	Rayajamajhi	X	Present
International Studies and Programs	Titus	Awokuse	X	Present
James Madison	Cameron	Thies		X Absent
Law	Michael	Sant'Ambrogio		X Absent
Libraries	Neil	Romanosky	X	Present
Lyman Briggs	Kendra	Spence Cheruvellil	X	Present
Music	Jim	Forger	X	Present
Natural Science	Eric	Hegg		X Absent
Nursing	Linda	Weglicki	X	Present
Ombudsperson	Shannon	Burton	X	Present
Osteopathic Medicine	Joyce	deJong		X Absent
RCAH	Glenn	Chambers		X Absent
Social Science	Brent	Donnellan	X	Present
Veterinary Medicine	Kimberly	Dodd		X Absent
Agriculture and Natural Resources	David	Skole	X	Present
Agriculture and Natural Resources	Satish	Joshi	X	Present
Agriculture and Natural Resources	Henry	Chung		X Absent

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Agriculture and Natural Resources	Holly	Wang	X	Present
Agriculture and Natural Resources	Lorraine	Weatherspoon	X	Present
Arts and Letters	Alejandra	Marquez	X	Present
Arts and Letters	Tze-Lan	San	X	Absent
Arts and Letters	Victor	Rodriguez-Pereira	X	Present
Arts and Letters	Danielle	DeVoss	X	Present
Arts and Letters	Lucas	Nunn	X	Absent
ASMSU	Ahmed	Amir	X	Absent
At Large	Justin	St. Charles	X	Present
At Large	Kyoo	il Kim	X	Present
At Large	Jack	Lipton	X	Present
At Large	Antoinette	Tessmer	X	Present
At Large	John	Aerni-Flessner	X	Present
Business	Naveen	Khanna	X	Absent
Business	Dwight	Handspike	X	Present
Business	Michelle	Nessa	X	Present
Communication Arts and Sciences	Casey	O'Donnell	X	Absent
Communication Arts and Sciences	Rabindra "Robby"	Ratan	X	Absent
Education	Doug	Hartman	X	Present
Education	Kristy	Stein	X	Present
Education	Jungmin	Kwon	X	Absent
Education	Matthew	Brodhead	X	Present
Emeriti Faculty	Jane	Vieth	X	Present

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Engineering	Neil	Wright	X	Present
Engineering	Rebecca	Anthony	X	Present
Engineering	Ruiguo	Yang	X	Present
Engineering	Mark	Worden	X	Present
Engineering	Bei	Fan		X Absent
FRIB	Oscar	Naviliat	X	Present
Human Medicine	Natoshia	Cunningham	X	Present Robey Shah
Human Medicine	James	Anthony	X	Present
Human Medicine	Sabrina	Ford	X	Present
Human Medicine	Kelly	Hodges	X	Present Christopher Shaltry
Human Medicine	Bruce	Uhal		X Absent
James Madison	Yael	Aronoff	X	Present
James Madison	Andaluna	Borcila	X	Present <b>Replacing Tobin Craig for AY 25-26</b>
Law	Glen	Staszewski		X Absent
Law	Stephen	Wilks		X Absent
Libraries	Gen	Iverson	X	Present
Libraries	Eli	Landaverde	X	Present
Lyman Briggs	Megan	Halpern	X	Present
Lyman Briggs	Samantha	Cass	X	Present
Music	Guy	Yehuda	X	Present
Music	Sarah	Long	X	Present
Natural Science	Diana	Bello DeOcampo	X	Present
Natural Science	Pavel	Sikorskii	X	Present
Natural Science	Andrew	Christlieb	X	Present

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Natural Science	Demetre	Kazaras	X	Present	
Natural Science	Yuying	Xie	X	Present	
Non-College	Mahmoud	Parvizi	X	Present	
Non-College	Jonglim	Han		X	Absent
Nursing	Horng-Shiuann	Wu	X	Present	
Nursing	Rhonda	Conner-Warren		X	Absent
Osteopathic Medicine	Sarah	Tilden	X	Present	
Osteopathic Medicine	Shane	Crandall		X	Absent
Osteopathic Medicine	Nathan	Tycocki	X	Present	
Osteopathic Medicine	Martha	Faner		X	Absent
RCAH	Laura	MacDonald	X	Present	Replacing Tama Hamilton-Wray for AY25-26
RCAH	Kelly	Richmond		X	Absent for SS 26
Social Science	Sue	Grady		X	Absent
Social Science	Joseph	Kozakiewicz	X	Present	
Social Science	Laurie	Bulock		X	Absent
Social Science	David	Wheat		X	Absent
UCAG	Elizabeth	Gardner	X	Present	
UCC	Marci	Mechtel	X	Present	
UCFA	Jamie	Alan	X	Present	
UCFT	Kevin	Douglas	X	Present	
UCGS	Alfred (AJ)	Robinson	X	Present	
UCL	Tiffany	Wahl	X	Present	
UCSA	Erica	Weeks		X	Absent

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UCUE	Chastity	Warren	X	Present
Veterinary Medicine	Jim	Wagner	X	Present
Veterinary Medicine	Andres	Contreras	X	Absent
Veterinary Medicine	Vacant			#N/A