

# Faculty Senate

Draft Minutes

September 19, 2023



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## Approval of Agenda and Minutes

The Michigan State University Faculty Senate held a regular meeting on Tuesday, September 19, 2023 at 3:15 p.m. via Zoom and in 115 International Center with Chairperson Jack Lipton presiding. The agenda was approved following one amendment. The draft minutes of the April 18, 2023 meeting were approved as presented.

## Remarks

Interim Provost Thomas D. Jeitschko, Executive Vice President for Health Sciences Norman J. Beauchamp Jr., and the chairperson gave remarks.<sup>1</sup>

## Orientation

Secretary for Academic Governance Tyler Silvestri gave a presentation outlining the role of the Faculty Senate, the academic governance structure at Michigan State University, and basic parliamentary procedure.

## Presidential Search Resolution

The Faculty Senate adopted a resolution introduced by Vice Chairperson Rebecca Malouin that, after debate and amendment, read:

*Whereas, The Statement on Government of Colleges and Universities* developed by the American Association of University Professors, the American Council on Education, and the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges in 1966 reads, “The selection of a chief administrative officer should follow upon a cooperative search by the governing board and the faculty, taking into consideration the opinions of others who are appropriately interested”; and

*Whereas, The Statement* continues, “The president should be equally qualified to serve both as the executive officer of the governing board and as the chief academic officer of the institution and the faculty. The president’s dual role requires an ability to interpret to board and faculty the educational views and concepts of institutional government of the other. The president should have the confidence of the board and the faculty”; and

*Whereas, The university’s* history of presidential searches and turnover makes a quality search critical; therefore be it

*Resolved, That the Faculty Senate* believes the next president of Michigan State University should be a preeminent scholar, an accomplished academic, and an individual with substantial experience in leading a university administration; and

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<sup>1</sup> A recording of their remarks and the rest of the meeting is available at [https://mediaspace.msu.edu/media/Faculty%20Senate%20%7C%20September%2019%2C%202023/1\\_8tefvwpf](https://mediaspace.msu.edu/media/Faculty%20Senate%20%7C%20September%2019%2C%202023/1_8tefvwpf).

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*Resolved*, That the search should continue for as long as it takes to identify such an individual and should not be limited by arbitrary deadlines; and

*Resolved*, That the Faculty Senate calls on the Board of Trustees to commit to only selecting a president who has received the endorsement of the Presidential Search Committee; and

*Resolved*, That the trustees should not choose any president who did not receive the endorsement of a majority of those chosen as the faculty and academic staff representatives on the Presidential Search Committee.

## **Approval of New College of Human Medicine Departments**

Senator Jamie Alan moved to endorse proposals to create the [Department of Otolaryngology](#), the [Department of Pathology](#), the [Department of Radiation Oncology](#), the [Department of Urology](#), the [Department of Dermatology](#), and the [Department of Neurosurgery](#) in the College of Human Medicine. The motion was adopted by consent.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

*TA Silvestri*

Tyler Silvestri  
Secretary for Academic Governance

**Approved:**

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Attendance	
<b>Present</b>	63
<b>Absent</b>	17
<b>Total</b>	80
<b>Quorum</b>	41

Constituency/Title	Name	Attendance
Academic Specialist Advisory Committee	Megan Stevenson	Absent
Agriculture and Natural Resources	Cimberly Weir	Present
Agriculture and Natural Resources	Jeff Swada	Present
Agriculture and Natural Resources	Lorraine Weatherspoon	Present
Agriculture and Natural Resources	Matt Raven	Present
Agriculture and Natural Resources	Satish Joshi	Present
Arts and Letters	Brahim Chakrani	Present
Arts and Letters	Kate Birdsall	Present
Arts and Letters	Kristen Mapes	Present
Arts and Letters	Zach Kaiser	Present
Associated Students of Michigan State University	Alissa Hakim	Present
At Large	Angela Wilson	Present
At Large	Jack Lipton	Present
At Large	Justin St. Charles	Present
At Large	Rebecca Malouin	Present
At-Large, Arts and Letters	d'Ann de Simone	Present
Business	Ayalla Ruvio	Present
Business	John Spink	Present
Business	Quan Zhang	Absent
Communication Arts and Sciences	Dan Hiaeshutter-Rice	Present
Communication Arts and Sciences	Rabindra "Robby" Ratan	Present
Communication Arts and Sciences	Alexandra Thrubis Stanley	Absent

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Constituency/Title	Name	Attendance
Council of Graduate Students	Hannah Jeffery	Present
Education	Amelia Gotwals	Substituted: Mary Juzwik
Education	Matthew Pontifex	Present
Education	Emre Umucu	Absent
Emeriti Faculty	Gary Stone	Present
Engineering	Mark Worden	Present
Engineering	Neil Wright	Present
Engineering	Andrew Mason	Absent
Engineering	Chengcheng Fang	Absent
Executive Vice President for Health Sciences	Norman Beauchamp	Present
Faculty Grievance	Francisco Villarruel	Absent
FRIB	Chris Wrede	Present
Human Medicine	Clair Margerison	Present
Human Medicine	Cristian Meghea	Present
Human Medicine	Hua Xiao	Present
Human Medicine	Michael Williams	Present
Human Medicine	Scott Counts	Present
Interim President	Teresa Woodruff	Absent
Interim Provost	Thomas Jeitschko	Present
James Madison	Daniel Ahlquist	Present
James Madison	Russell Lucas	Present
Law	David Favre	Present
Law	Noga Morag-Levine	Present
Libraries	Kathleen Weessies	Present
Libraries	Tad Boehmer	Present
Lyman Briggs	Peter White	Present
Lyman Briggs	Samantha Cass	Present
Music	Guy Yehuda	Present
Music	Jane Bunnell	Present
Natural Science	Aaron Odom	Present
Natural Science	Brian Gulbransen	Present

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Natural Science	Francois Greer	Present
Natural Science	Min-Hao Kuo	Present
Natural Science	Gustavo de los Campos	Absent
Nursing	Chastity Warren	Present
Nursing	Gayle Lourens	Present
Osteopathic Medicine	Janice Schwartz	Present
Osteopathic Medicine	Jason Bazil	Present
Osteopathic Medicine		Absent
RCAH	John Aerni-Flessner	Present
RCAH	Tama Hamilton-Wray	Present
Social Science	Guo Chen	Present
Social Science	Laurie Bullock	Present
Social Science	Raymond Jussaume	Present
Social Science	Zeenat Kotval-Karamchandani	Present
Social Science	James Dulebohn	Co-Chair: Patricia Machemer
UCC	Valeta Wensloff	Present
UCFA	Jamie Alan	Present
UCFT	Sue Barman	Present
UCGS	Trixie Smith	Absent
UCUE	Antoinette Tesmmer	Present
Veterinary Medicine	Sean Crosson	Present
Veterinary Medicine	Stephan Carey	Absent
Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education and Dean of Undergraduate Studies	Mark Largent	Present