

# The Steering Committee

Draft Minutes

January 9, 2024



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**Present:** J. Alan, A. Burt (for S. Barman), N. Beauchamp, S. Chamoun, d. de Simone, A. Hakim, E. Hoyumpa, H. Jeffery, T. Jeitschko, J. Iseler, C. Le, J. Lipton, R. Malouin, T. Silvestri, T. Smith, J. St. Charles, A. Tessmer, V. Wensloff, A. Wilson

**Absent:** T. Woodruff

## **Approval of Agenda and Minutes**

The Steering Committee of Michigan State University held a regular meeting on Tuesday, January 9 at 3:15 p.m. via Zoom with Chairperson Jack Lipton presiding. The agenda was approved as presented. The draft minutes of the December 5, 2023 meeting were approved as presented.

## **Reports**

The committee heard oral reports from the standing committees and student governments, as well as a brief message from the Secretary for Academic Governance.

## **Proposed Ad Hoc Committee on Free Speech**

The committee discussed the historic process of creating the composition of ad hoc committees to consider moving forward with the proposed one. A general composition and procedure were outline and approved by the committee.

## **Check-in on Proposed Pregnancy, Childbirth, and other Pregnancy-Related Conditions for Students and Employees Policy**

Standing committees have begun discussing the policies.

## **Update on Union of Tenure System Faculty**

Faculty Senator Jane Bunnell gave an update on the status of UTSF. They have filed with the board of trustees after reaching the required percentage of signings.

## **Interim Secretary for Academic Governance**

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## **Develop Faculty Senate Agenda**

By consent, the committee approved agendas for the January 23 Faculty Senate and January 30 University Council meetings.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

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