

The Steering Committee

Draft Minutes

March 5, 2024



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Present: J. W. Lipton, A. Tessmer, T. Mastin, G. Hoppenstand, N. Beauchamp, D. de Simone, S. Barman, A. Wilson, K. Yermak, T. Jeitschko, J. St. Charles, T. Smith, D. Rehberger, K. Guskiewicz, C. Le, J. Alan, R. Malouin, H. Jeffery, E. Hoyumpa, V. Wensloff, J. Iseler, S. Chamoun

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

The Steering Committee of Michigan State University held a regular meeting on Tuesday, March 5th at 3:15 p.m. via Zoom with Chairperson Jack Lipton presiding. The agenda was approved as presented. The draft minutes of the February 6, 2024, meeting were approved as presented.

Reports

The committee received and approved reports from the Standing Committees and student governments, as well as a brief message from the Interim Secretary for Academic Governance.

Digital Accessibility Policy Revisions

Office for Civil Rights and Title IX Education and Compliance Digital Accessibility Coordinator Dennis Bond presented a summary of proposed changes to the Digital Accessibility Policy.

Responsible and Ethical Conduct of Research

This report was skipped due to incomplete information and was moved to the next Steering Committee meeting.

Developing an Ad Hoc on Complementary Digital Learning Platforms

UCUE Chairperson Antoinette Tessmer presented recommendations drafted by UCUE for recommended procedures, function, and composition of the Ad Hoc Committee on Digital Learning Platforms. A motion was made to approve these recommendations and passed.

Inconsistency in Bylaws Governing the Athletic Council

UCAG Chairperson Dean Rehberger reported that, in 2018, two people were appointed as Faculty Athletic Representative (FAR). The Current Bylaw for Academic Governance (5.2.3.4 specifies only one Faculty Athletic Representative). The committee generally agreed that each FAR needs specific roles if there are to be two. The president's office will be taking the lead in reviewing the FARs and determining the structure of FARs for representation to the NCAA.

Annual Report of the Athletic Council to University Council

Following Bylaw 5.2.6., The Steering Committee requested the Athletic Council's annual report to the University Council to take place during its April 16th meeting.

Develop Faculty Senate and University Council Agendas

The Steering Committee discussed and revised the March 19th Faculty Senate and March 26th University Council agendas and approved them with the following changes and new business:

Faculty Senate:

Moved item "5.2 Budget for Next Fiscal Year and University Investments" to its April 9th meeting.

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University Council:

Added for consideration a "Resolution Regarding Miller & Chevalier Report."

Request for Fall 2024 for MSU Survey Committee

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Roundtable

The Steering Committee considered whether International Studies & Programs (ISP) should have specific representation on UCUE. This was routed to UCAG for consideration.

The faculty representatives voted unanimously to convene the Academic Congress to consider a resolution regarding Board of Trustee misconduct arising from the Miller & Chevalier Report findings.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Interim Secretary for Academic Governance

Approved: