

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
University Committee on Academic Governance (UCAG)

DRAFT AGENDA

Thursday, March 15, 2018

3:15–5:00 p.m.

Bott Nursing Building (C-125)

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of the Agenda for March 15, 2018
- III. Approval of the Minutes for February 15, 2018
- IV. Remarks
 - Dr. John Gaboury (Associate Provost for Academic Services and Enrollment Management)
 - Dr. Gary Hoppenstand (Secretary for Academic Governance)
 - Dr. Gayle Lourens (UCAG Chair)
- IV. Committee Business:
 - Define “full time” faculty in University Bylaws
 - Athletic Council’s Bylaws
 - Ad Hoc Committees; Steering Committee recommendations
 - Defining Ad Hoc Committee composition
 - Defining Ad Hoc Committee charge / expected outcomes
- V. Roundtable Announcements
- VI. Adjournment

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC GOVERNANCE (UCAG)
DRAFT MINUTES
February 15, 2018
Bott Nursing Building Room C125

X = Present; A= Absent; S=Substitute

* Chair ** Vice Chair

Committee Members					
Xia Gao (A & L)	X	Lorraine Sordillo-Gandy (VM)	X	Quynh Hoang (ASMSU)	X
William McCarthy (Business)	X	Fredrick Manfredsson (CHM)	X	Dylan Westrin (ASMSU)	X
Laura Dilley (Com Arts)**	X	Michael Shapiro (NS)	X	Liz Luna Gagnon (COGS)	A
Rand Spiro (ED)	X	Greg Fink (COM)	X	Scott Jarvie (COGS)	X
Gayle Lourens (NUR) *	X	Ruth Smith (SS)	X	John Gaboury; Associate Provost Ex-officio)	A
Mark Worden (ENG)	X	Amanda Tickner (Non-CF)	X	Gary Hoppenstand; Secretary for Academic Governance (Ex-officio)	X
Ajit Srivastava (Ag Nat Rec)	X	Ryan Aridi (ASMSU)	X	Sherry Lott (Office of the Secretary for Academic Governance)	X
Etienne Charles (MUS)	X	Pending: James Madison, Law, Lyman Briggs, Residential College Arts a& Humanities			

I. Meeting called to order at 3:15 pm

II. Approval of the agenda for February 15, 2018

- Agenda for February 15, 2018 was approved with item added (suspension of College bylaw reviews)

III. Approval of Minutes for January 18, 2018

- Minutes were approved as amended to include William McCarthy and Scott Jarvie as present

IV. Comments

- Associate Provost Remarks (John Gaboury): None / Absent
- Secretary for Academic Governance Remarks (Gary Hoppenstand): Dr. Hoppenstand suggested that current College bylaw reviews be suspended until University Bylaws could be reviewed. Dr. Spiro stated that UCAG should take a leadership role in moving the University faculty forward. Dr. Hoppenstand stated that discussion is ongoing regarding the formation of a subcommittee to look at various topics to include the University Bylaws and that UCAG could serve in a supportive role. He emphasized the importance of faculty representation and transparency.
- UCAG Chair: Dr. Lourens reported that several Colleges had made contact and are in the processes of reviewing their bylaws and making revisions.

V. Business of the Committee

- Motion: Suspend UCAG's College bylaw reviews until University Bylaws are reviewed and amended as needed. Motion was first and seconded. The motion carried.
- Discuss proposed bylaw changes by ASAC:
After much discussion among committee members, a **motion** was made to recommend the following changes to the University bylaws as follows:

ADD 1.1.1.5 as follows:

1.1.1.5 – An “Academic Specialist” shall consist of a person holding the rank of senior specialist, specialist with continuing appointment, specialist with probationary appoint, or fixed-term specialists.

1.1.2.1 – The voting faculty in the election of University-level councils and committees shall be all regular faculty, health professions faculty, and FRIB/NSCL faculty. Voting faculty also includes full-time fixed-

term faculty who have served at least three consecutive years **and full time academic specialists who have served at least three consecutive years**. Any voting faculty must be engaged in the academic activities of the University.

1.1.2.5 – “A full-time fixed-term faculty member who has served at least three consecutive years **and full-time academic specialists who have served at least three consecutive years** may be elected to an academic governance body, with the exception of with the exception of the University Committee on Faculty Tenure, as a representative of any unit in which the person holds faculty status.

The motion was first and seconded. The motion carried.

- Steering Committee At-Large Nominees:

The Slate of At-Large Nominees was distributed and discussed. A motion to approve the Slate was made and was first and seconded. The motion carried. This Slate will go to Faculty Senate for approval and then a ballot will be sent to Faculty Senate for vote.

- All University Awards Committee Recommendations:

The UCAG members reviewed the criteria for this committee and then began an in-depth discussion of possible nominees. Through the vetting process, nominees were selected. A motion to approve the nominates was made, first and seconded. The motion carried. The names will be forwarded to Interim President Engler for his selection after nominees accept their nomination and willingness to serve.

- Discuss bylaw reviews (College of law, Education and Natural Sciences). See Dr. Hoppenstand’s and Lourens’ comments above; note first item motion.

- UCAG Member’s Action Request:

Building on Dr. Spiro’s earlier comments related to the current academic governance climate, the UCAG members discussed and collectively agreed to the following statement, “The University Committee on Academic Governance considers the lack of response to the recent Faculty Senate vote to be a concern and our committee considers Academic Governance weakened by the lack of response. We request immediate action to address the current situation and investigate the Academic Governance structure to enable faculty to have a greater voice and greater power.”

VI. Announcements: None

VII. Adjournment: 5:00 pm