

University Senate Meeting
Wednesday, February 24th, 2021

1. Call to Order

Call to order at 1:30pm and welcome from the University Senate President.

2. Roll Call

In attendance: Alvares, Axelrod, Bal, Bellum, Berisha, Billings, Brater, Brennan, Carr, Collins, Coutras, Curnutt, Dinosaur, Emery, Fackina, Field, Fleming, Friedman, Gingerich, Gurskis, Harness, Hood, Hresko, Hunt, Jacobson, Judge, Kelly, Korotkin, Kurze, Lafountain, Lin-Cook, Lucas, Mamonov, McCarthy, McDermid, McKinley, Misra, Panorkou, Pennington, Peterka-Benton, Spitz, Sullivan, Temoney, Trubatch, Vernon, Wolfson.

3. Approval of January Minutes

Postponed until the March Senate Meeting.

4. Remembrance

- a. Olivia "Liv" Morro
- b. Dr. Bong Jae Chung

5. Report from the Administration

a. Updates from Provost Gingerich

Hood: Created a task force that represents all Colleges and Academic Affairs Chairperson, Anaud Kurze. We have collected academic policies last year to post on the website, but we are now reviewing these policies and their current effectiveness, relevance, and efficiency. We will make edits and hope to finish by June 30th, 2021.

Gingerich: Curricular Inventory Management (CIM) has two central pieces: 1. creation and generation of courses; 2. creation and generation of programs. Part one was previously rolled out and several teams are working on rolling out part two by September 2021.

b. Navigate Updates

Insalaco-Egan: A new feature we launched Monday will assist in closing the loops between instructors, advisors, and students. All instructors should submit progress reports for their students. Instructors can and should raise alerts throughout the semester.

6. Voices of the Community

a. African American Caucus

Temoney: Acknowledging the work of all those who supported and created Black History Month events on campus. Board elections will start in April.

b. Disability Caucus

Broderick: report

c. Land Acknowledgement Committee

Martini: Talking to and working with the local indigenous communities to work on a land acknowledgement committee

d. Montclair Votes Coalition

LaFountain: Voter friendly campus report shows MSU achievements. A new

voter engagement extension on the student engagement platform. The coalition is open to classroom visits and other events. The number of registered voters on campus increased from 350 in 2019 to 930 in 2020.

7. Negotiations Agent Liaison (NAL) Report

Curnutt: Some faculty who were on sabbatical did not have their furloughs assigned correctly but we are working to resolve this. We hope the Provost office lists the Professional Development Program soon.

8. Standing Committees

a. Election Committee

Field: Two rounds of elections this spring. Elections for vacant seats opened last week and will close tonight. Next round of elections will open on March 10th for current members who have terms ending.

b. Constitution Committee

Lafountain: The second reading of the amendment on vacant seats.

9. Council Reports

a. Academic Affairs

Kurze: Emeritus recommendation will be headed back to the committee for revision and will not undergo a second reading at this time.

Temoney: We received feedback on the MSU Teaching Principles including feedback from all of the Colleges. Through the Canvas page you can still give feedback on the draft principles. Next steps will be to revise the draft based on principles and then look for endorsement.

b. Administrative Affairs

Lafountain: Workflow rollout of online forms is continuing on track, some of the live forms include independent study, repeat of course, and credit adjustment. The work at another institution, leave of absence, and change of major forms will be live soon.

c. Student Affairs

Lafountain: Working on specific needs for low income students in Covid and how the university is responding to these needs. Committee is just starting to investigate the raised concerns about religion, parent occupation, marital status, etc on The Common Application.

10. Business

a. Voting on Recommendations

i. Constitution Amendment about vacant senate seats

Trubatch: Move to accept the amendment as read.
Second reading approved by unanimous consent.

b. New Business

Trubatch: Move to appoint Nicole Weir to the Committee on Development Review and Maintenance Policies.
Approved by unanimous vote.

11. Report of the Senate President

Jacobson: Fundraiser is open for Rocky's Closet to honor Dr. Pennington's work and service to MSU.

Jacobson: Health and Safety Restart Committee still working, current business is addressing how and when to report to HawkCheck.

12. Adjournment

Spitz: Move to adjourn

Lafountain: Second.

Adjourned at 3:04pm.