

University Senate Meeting
Wednesday, April 28, 2021

1. Call to Order/ University Senate President Welcome
Call to order at 1:31pm.
2. Attendance
In attendance: Alvares, Axelrod, Bal, Bellum, Berger, Billings, Collins, Curnutt, Curran, Dinour, Emery, Field, Fleming, Gaynor, Gingerich, Gurskis, Harness, Hollister, Hood, Hresko, Hunt, Jacobson, Kelly, Wilson for Kingstone, Korotkin, Kurze, Lafountain, Lemons, Lin-Cook, McCarthy, McDermid, McKinley, Misra, Peterka-Benton, Smolowitz, Spitz, Sullivan, Temoney, Trubatch, Wallace, Wolfson.
3. Approval of the March Minutes
Trubatch: Move to approve.
Spitz: Second.
Approved by acclamation.
4. Report from the SGA President - Ernst Lozin
5. Report from the Administration
Gingerich: Fall registration has begun.
Gingerich: Summer Bridge Program covered by CARES funding for incoming Freshmen.
Gingerich: Dean of Library search is almost complete.
6. Voices of the Community
 - a. African American Caucus
Temoney: New officers to the AAC announced. The end of year celebration will be May 4th, 1:20-2:30pm. All activities on the website and the caucus report is available on the Senate Canvas.
 - b. Disability Caucus
Broderick: April is disability awareness month. DC report is available on the Senate Canvas.
 - c. Land Acknowledgement Committee
Martini: Upcoming meeting to further discuss land acknowledgement.
 - d. Latina/o/x Caucus
Lorenz: All four caucuses sent a letter to the presidential search committee, the full letter is available on the Senate Canvas.
 - e. Montclair Votes Coalition
Lafountain: *This is What Democracy Looks Like* speaking series continues over the next few weeks. MSU did receive the voter friendly designation for this year.

7. Reports from University Committee and Other Organizations

a. Faculty Liaison to BOT

Emery: There are two new board members. Tuition hearing recently took place.

8. Negotiations Agent Liaison (NAL) Report

Curnutt:

9. Standing Committees

a. Elections Committee

Field: Elections for Spring have concluded and new senators will be seated.

10. Council Reports

a. Academic Affairs

Kurze:

McCarthy: The library will be sending a survey for current use of open access educational resources.

McDermid: Additional focus groups are planned with chairs to discuss ongoing Core questions and concerns.

b. Administrative Affairs

Bellum: Final grade proposal and grade grievance policy proposal are ready to vote on.

c. Student Affairs

Lemons: Sent questions about food insecurity on campus to the Dean of Students, answers and full report on food insecurity can be found on the Senate Canvas.

d. Campus Tours and COVID Safety Protocols

Lin-Cook: Updates to on-campus tours which align with State safety guidelines.

11. Business

a. Voting on Recommendations/Resolutions

i. Tackling Challenges Together

Poll: Do you support the resolution?

Yes: 72%

No: 3%

Abstain: 24%

Resolution passes.

b. Recommendations, First read

i. Final Grades

First reading of the recommendation, full recommendation is available on the Senate Canvas.

ii. Grade Grievance policy changes

First reading of the recommendation, full recommendation is available on the Senate Canvas.

iii. Land Acknowledgement External Consultation Recommendation

First reading of request for an external expert to assist in the research and development of Land Acknowledgment Statement. Full recommendation is available on the Senate Canvas.

c. New Business

Kurze: Vote for replacement of Academic Affairs Council Chair and Executive Board Member while Arnaud Kurze is on sabbatical next academic year. The replacement will be a one year term.

12. Report of the Senate President

- a. **Jacobson:** Vaccinations: If you have concerns, please contact HR. If your students have concerns, have them contact Student Development and Campus Life. They are in the position to explain university policy. The administration will be sending out information about this.
- b. **Jacobson:** Policy changes like making sure students' preferred names are used take time. Please share feedback about where there might be issues.
- c. **Jacobson:** President Cole suggests we have our ideas clear to communicate to the new administration, and I think that is good advice. This is true at the department and college level, but also at the Senate level, as well.
- d. **Jacobson:** We don't have much or any power here, so most often our role is to help shape university practice and policy by asking questions or making recommendations. I also see the Senate as a shared space, where we can share ideas, the work of caucuses, celebrate breakthroughs and mourn losses together.
- e. **Jacobson:** Please think about: What do you want from the University Senate, and what case can we make for its importance to the next administration?

13. Adjournment

Adjourned at 3:30pm.