

University Senate  
Meeting Minutes

MEETING DETAILS

Date:	September 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2022
Time:	1:30PM
Venue:	Zoom
Minutes taker:	Michael Viega

**Attendance:** Erik Jacobson, Sarah Sangregorio, Arnaud Kurze, Nicole Fackina, Krystal Woolston, Sandra Collins, Siobhan McCarthy, Laura Field, Erik Vanderklein, Daniela Peterka-Benton, Shannon Bellum, Chris McKinley, Ram Misra, Jean Alvares, Michael Viega, Hugh Curnutt, Arnie Korotkin, Mike Heller, Rosita Rodriguez, David Trucatch, Pascale LaFountain, Kate Temoney, Kirk McDermid, David Axelrod

Relevant Links

- 1) Formation of Open Scholarship and Resources:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1aXQ7ZnJa29jdzBsj3AGYpa26aocAHzQybja-KQsGU/edit>

MEETING MINUTES

Item	Notes
Call To Order, 4:02PM	
Land acknowledgement statement	Call for land acknowledgement committee members to join
In Memoriam	Vladislav Snitsaev given by Dirk Vanderklein, Biology  Mike Scala, given by Dawn Meza Soufleris  Linda Smith, given by Rich Wolfson
Open Standing Committees	Siobhan McCarthy: There is going to be an open scholarship initiative (see link above).

	<p>Shannon Bellum: There is a Just and Social Practices committee that we feel should be a standing committee. More information forthcoming.</p>
<p>Overview of Councils</p>	<p>Shannon Bellum: Administrative Affairs is focused on policy and process-based practices, and is routinely centered on how the University operates and communicates our initiatives frequently impact the broader well-being of the campus community and its members.</p> <p>Arnaud Kurzel, Academic Affairs Council speaking for Kate Temoney. Acknowledges the success of this council in extended grading deadlines last semester. This council's core goal is preserving academic freedom and achieving pedagogical excellence, and monitoring academic standards for research and campus issues.</p> <p>Erik Jacobson discusses the Student Affairs Council that seeks to address concerns regarding student life and health on campus.</p>
<p>Dawn Meza Soufleris: Community dining room in student center</p>	<p>Dawn is looking for community feedback regarding the use and what we would like to see in the community dining room. She will come back at the next Senate meeting to layout the plan for everyone.</p>
<p>Union announcement</p>	<p>Hugh Curnutt: Hugh is the liaison between the Senate and Union. He reminds everyone that 10 month employees will be receiving their first paycheck as part of our 22 paycheck arrangement tomorrow.</p> <p>Rich Wolfson: Discussed the potential hike in medical insurance. There is a gathering at the State House on 9/13/22 at 10am to make our opposition known.</p> <p>Jonathan Koppell: It would have a huge impact on the University.</p>
<p>President Jonathan Koppell addresses the Senate</p>	<p>President Koppell begins by encouraging the Senate body to consider having meetings in person to build community and social cohesion.</p> <p>Appreciates the support of the University community regarding the budget proposed by the Governor; there is collaboration among the universities.</p>

	<p>Discusses his vision of integrating coordination and functionality between administration and University shared governance. Adjustments to the structural side will make us stronger because we will perform better and focus on our core areas. This is an overall mindset he wants to communicate.</p> <p>He also shared his vision of MSU's external partnerships, such as creating partnerships with community colleges. He envisions a "a future where institutions are stronger by virtue of connection and partnership and it's a sort of network model as opposed to a as opposed to a consolidated model."</p>
<p>President Koppell addresses questions</p>	<p>Jean Alvares: Interested in President Koppell's vision for creating a comprehensive vision for online and computer augmented teaching?</p> <p>President Koppell: We are behind where we need to be, but our future is not the same as other institutions who are leaders in this area. The challenge is mixed modalities and doing that well pedagogically speaking. Having other options built into degrees will be important for student-centered opportunities in their education.</p> <p>Pascale LaFountain: Could the President or Provost comment on outsourcing faculty?</p> <p>President Koppell: Doesn't want to outsource the responsibility of our own curriculum, but there are ways to bring outside parties in to help use deliver better instruction.</p> <p>Arnaud Kurzel: What is our global strategy?</p> <p>President Koppell: Our focus is local but how can that have a global impact; this is what we are doing such as the work being done on water cleanliness and safety. "I think universities should embrace their obligation to promote and support public service and civic engagement."</p> <p>Shannon Bellum: What will happen to Yogi Berra stadium now that the Jackals are leaving?</p> <p>Jonathan Koppell: Open to all opportunities and exploring them.</p> <p>Ram Misra: I feel the Senate is underutilized and could play more of a formal role.</p>

	<p>President Koppell: For policy making “I think its great.” There are many issues facing the students that the Senate can help address.</p> <p>Krystal Woolston: Could you talk more about getting resources to faculty and staff? The Career Development Grant Program disappeared.</p> <p>President Koppell: Like to bring those things back. Find developmental pathways for staff and faculty taking leadership roles and creating internal programs. Been working with Dana Vernon, for people to take advantage of resources outside of the University.</p> <p>Rich Wolfson; The money has not been spent in three years and will be rolled into the next opportunity, so people should spend time thinking of how to use the money.</p> <p>Alicia Broderick: Acknowledges the use of closed captioning in real-time and appreciates the inclusiveness; continue to think of inclusivity moving forward.</p>
Meeting closed at 5:17PM	

ACTION ITEMS: None to report

NEXT MEETING: September 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:30PM