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**Meeting Minutes for September 4, 2018**

**I. Call to Order at 4:00pm**

**II. Roll Call**

In Attendance: Abrams, Alleyne, Alo, Alvares, Antenos, Bal, Bellum, Berger, Berisha, Billings, Brater, Carnevale, Collins, Curnutt, Dacey, Dinour, Field, Fleming, Friedman, Gaynor, Genise, Gingerich, Gioia-Kay, Greenwood, Gurskis, Herness, Hunt, Kurze, LaFountain, Mamonov, McDermid, Misra, Nurse, Murray, Panorkou, Rufus, Specchio, Spitz, Sullivan, Trubatch, Vernon, Wolfson

**III. Welcoming Remarks by Senate President David Trubatch**

**IV. President Cole addressed the Senate:**

**Cole:** After the Senate put forth their recommendation of the Socially Responsible Investments, Dr. Cole sent her recommendation to the Board of Trustees who will put together an advisory committee on the subject. The Senate shall nominate a representative to Dr. Cole to be on this committee, which will take place during the September 26th Senate meeting.

**Cole:** Upcoming issues for consideration include the discussion on intercollegiate athletics, as MSU is now the largest division 3 institution in the country.

**Trubatch:** Requested an update on the Senate's recommendation for a standard policy process.

**Cole:** It is on the agenda for the year, with the hopes of having a user friendly, accurate database of University policies.

**V. Questions for President Cole:**

**Trubatch:** How will the review of intercollegiate athletics play into the strategic planning process?

**Cole:** It is included in the Provost's plan for consideration during strategic planning. A draft will be developed and shared with the Board of Trustees.

**Wolfson:** How is the decision about intercollegiate athletics divisions going to be made?

**Cole:** A representative from Intercollegiate Athletics, Board of Trustees, Student Life, and an external consultant will review and discuss the options.

**Alvares:** What are MSU's global interests as an institution?

**Gingerich:** Held a meeting with Jane Ann Williams at the Office of International Engagement, this year's number one priority is to increase international outreach and recruitment. This fall there are around 300 international students between undergraduate and graduate programs, with the hopes of increasing this in years to come.

**Collins:** Evaluation of tests and scoring student exams have been discontinued, will there be resources on Canvas to supplement?

**Fleming:** Heard from a number of faculty that scoring of Scan Tron tests was still a need and will coordinate to keep the service available through the colleges. Scan Tron capacity will be available only for exams and not for evaluation surveys.

**Collins:** Should we extend an invitation to University College team so they can address how the college will function?

**Cole:** Dean Hood will act as the link from University College to all other colleges and student affairs and will be invited to speak at the Senate.

#### **VI. Provost Gingrich, Report from Administration**

**Gingrich:** The Strategic Plan process is the most participatory one so far. Jeff Strickland is the Senate Representative to CUE and will give a report during the next Senate Meeting. The Board of Trustees reached out to President Cole and wants to be kept up to date on the process. This plan is committed to being nimble and responsive and is not a template. Last year there were 132 things to accomplish and planning now has to be open to change, unexpected things, and to uphold the four pillars. The plan will be circulated for everyone to comment on and Jeff will give more details and a firm timeline will be created during the next public meeting.

**Abrams:** The Department Bylaws were part of the objective for review and approval by the Provost, what is the timetable for this?

**Gingrich:** The process is ongoing, each unit has drafted procedures with their Deans; once it is confirmed with the Local that there are not Union violations it will be signed off on. A timeline cannot be given at this moment as it depends on if there are any issues to resolve.

**Wolfson:** What is the status of the cellular upgrades?

**Fleming:** Upgrades are underway, the Verizon infrastructure is in and will hopefully be turned on by the end of the calendar year.

#### **VII. Doug Murray, Constitution Committee Report**

**Murray:** There was a miscalculation in the number of senators needed, an amendment will be made to add the School of Nursing.

**Trubatch:** The new Dean of University College will also have to be accounted for.

#### **VIII. New Business**

**Alvares:** Earlier in the day an announcement in Schmitt Hall was made but it was unclear if it was a drill or a lock down. Can this process be smoothed out in the future to avoid confusion?

**Gingrich:** Will take that into consideration.

**Curnutt:** The Local anniversary will be held September 14th and all are welcome to attend. The Local also received a grant to help students with emergency needs and will match the \$5,000 donation.

#### **IX. Meeting Adjourned at 5:00pm.**