



General Meeting Minutes

Date: March 18, 2026

Location: The Hub

Time: 10:30 AM

Darrell Banks A
Sophia Barnett P
Dominique Belcher P
Joni Branning P
Lateshia Butler P
Lisa Dye A
Cambrie Frizzell P
Hunter Goodson P
Tiffanie Hancock A
Libbi Havelin P

Courtney Headley A
Timothy Hopkins P
Hannah Howell P
Veronika Jelinkova P
Ogorchukwu Johnson P
Davie Jones P
Kelly LaSalle P
Matthew Mackey P
Allison Matthews P
LaKitha Murray P

Samantha Nall P
Ashley Patterson P
Lynn Palmer Purnell P
Jessica Rahim P
Cindy Ratcliff P
Connor Simmons P
Chantel Solis-McCoy A
Elizabeth Standley P
John Michael Vanhorn A

- 1. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY MINUTES** – For a motion to approve February minutes, Libbi provided the first and Matthew the second. The motion passed unanimously and minutes were adopted.
- 2. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY FINANCIALS** – For a motion to approve the February financials, Elizabeth provided the first and Cindy the second. The motion passes unanimously and financials were adopted.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Chair – Sophia Barnett

- Master Plan and Develop Advisory Committee-Voted on the new Starkville High School on the Partnership School site.
- Alumni Association National Board-Met February 27th.
 - President's Report: Provided updates on the state of the university including campus and community events, institutional achievements, and legislative appropriations updates.
 - Athletic Report: Provided updates on sports national rankings, teams GPA (3.0+), and thanking alumni for support

- Vice President's Report: Provided updates on the Crossroads District/Madelon hotel and thanked alumni for their support. Asked alumni to keep recruiting students
- Student Association Report: Provided updates on the latest student association elections and student-focused updates.
- President's Executive Council-No meeting
- Faculty Senate-Met on February 13th. Guest speakers: Dr. David Shaw and Mr. Les Potts.

Committee Reports:

- AOP 10.14 (Textbooks & Instructional Materials – Approved with revisions (40-0)
- 2026 Faculty Senate Apportionment. Off-year report; no changes to college representation. Vote passed 41-0
- Report on AOP 11.06 Study Abroad and International Travel by Students: One minor grammatical correction. – vote passed 39-0
- Report on AOP 12.18 Academic Amnesty for Graduate Students: Approved with minor revisions. – vote passed 42-0
- Faculty Senate Representation Letter – Approved without discussion 40-0.
- Parking Resolution: Approved resolution calling for an independent assessment of campus parking; an ad hoc committee will be formed and a campus survey will be distributed. Motion passed 39-0
- Faculty Senate-Met on March 6th. Guest speakers: Danny Davis (MSU Library) gave update on discontinuing mandatory ETD submissions to ProQuest/ Mike Breazeale gave updates on AdvantaGE (general ed curriculum) / Dr. Shaw gave updates on Rome and GenEd classes, IHL funding, and program fees.
 - Policy Approvals:
 - AOP 13.05: Faculty Grievance revisions approved unanimously.
 - AOP 31.10: Schedule Planning and Registration updates approved unanimously.
 - AOP 12.01: Academic Add/Drop (Progress Grade Reporting) revisions approved unanimously.

- Standing Committee Review Board-no meeting
- Conflict of Interest Committee-no meeting
- Information Technology Governance Council (ITGC)-Met February 12th.
Presented the IT Account Life Cycle proposal. Handout was received and a copy was provided to the council for discussion.

b) Vice-Chair – Ogo Johnson

- Faculty Housing Appeals Committee – No update

c) Policies and Procedures Committee Chair – Cambrie Frizzell

- By-laws/Constitution-No update

d) Communications Committee Chair – Dominique Belcher

- BullyWatch –3 more nomination.
- Newsletter –
- Website, Facebook, Twitter – website has been updated for Zacharias awards

e) Awards & Scholarships Committee Chair – Jessica Rahim

- Department Donations/Fundraisers
- Spring Awards-No updates

f) Events Committee Chair – Libbi Havelin and Lisa Dye

- Staff Appreciation Day- May 22nd: Chairs of each committee gave updates. It was decided not to send out mailers about the Zacharis award nominations. Emails will be sent and an announcement will be added to the MSU website. T-shirts were narrowed down to 5 and a survey was given to the council to vote to narrow down to 3 to be sent out to campus for deciding vote. Food items were discussed: ice cream, snow cones, popcorn, beverages, and main course meal. Rain location has been confirmed.

4. Ongoing Business

5. New Business

Next meeting there will be elections.

11:33 AM Meeting Adjourned

Next scheduled meeting: April 8th, 2026

University Committee Assignments 2025-2026

University Committee

Athletic Council-CFO of athletics spoke

Calendar Committee

Dining Advisory Committee* -meeting next week

Employee Benefits Committee

Health and Wellness

Inclusive Excellence Leadership

Instructional Technology Advisory Committee

Parking and Traffic Regulations Committee-Met to discuss eliminating the lump sum pay option for parking, changes in purchasing date, options and process.

Performing Arts Committee-meeting next week

Recreation Advisory Committee meeting at end of month

Satisfactory Academic Progress Committee- Will have training next week.

Special Events & Game Day

Sustainability Committee

Traffic Appeals Committee-Had 43 appeals, 18 this week

University Workplace Safety Committee-Met to discuss goals and objectives.

Work-Life Balance Committee-March meeting cancelled

Staff Council Representative (Backup)

Lateshia Butler (Cindy Ratcliff)

Veronika Jelinkova (Connor Simmons)

Hannah Howell (Lynn Palmer Purnell)

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Tiffanie Hancock

Timothy Hopkins (Davie Jones)

Ashley Patterson (Davie Jones)

Elizabeth Standley (Courtney Headley)

Hunter Goodson (Allison Matthews)

Darrell Banks (LaKitha Murray)

Joni Branning (Elizabeth Standley)

John Michael Vanhorn (Allison Matthews)

Samantha Nall

LaKitha Murray

Matthew Mackey (Chantel Solis-McCoy)

Ashley Patterson (Tiffanie Hancock)

**not an official university standing committee*

Staff Council Committee Assignments 2025-2026

Communications Committee

Dominique Belcher – CHAIR

Ty Nichols

Davie Jones

Connor Simmons

Samantha Nall

Chantel Solis-McCoy

Policies and Procedures Committee

Cambrie Frizzell – CHAIR

Matthew Mackey

Ashley Patterson

John Michael Vanhorn

Allison Matthews

Awards & Scholarships Committee

Jessica Rahim – CHAIR

Elizabeth Standlee

Veronika Jelinkova

Lateshia Butler

Joni Branning

Timothy Hopkins

LaKitha Murray

Events Committee

Libbi Havelin – CO-CHAIR

Lisa Dye – CO-CHAIR

Hannah Howell

Tiffanie Hancock

Courtney Headley

Cindy Ratcliff

Darrell Banks

Lynn Palmer Purnell

Hunter Goodson