



General Meeting Minutes

Date: May 13, 2026
Time: 10:30 AM

Location: 301 Research Blvd, Rm 813

Darrell Banks A
Sophia Barnett P
Dominique Belcher P
Joni Branning A
Lateshia Butler P
Lisa Dye P
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 A
Allison Matthews P
LaKitha Murray A

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 P

1. APPROVAL OF APRIL MINUTES – For a motion to approve April minutes, Libbi provided the first and Davie the second. The motion passed unanimously and minutes were adopted.

2. APPROVAL OF APRIL FINANCIALS – For a motion to approve the April financials, Lisa provided the first and Davie the second. The motion passes unanimously and financials were adopted.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Chair – Sophia Barnett

- Master Plan and Develop Advisory Committee-No meeting
- Alumni Association National Board-No meeting
- President's Executive Council-April 27
 - Name the Dogwood Hall as Adkerson-Dogwood Hall – approved
 - In honor and recognition of alumnus and benefactor Richard C. Adkerson
 - AOP 13.05 Faculty Grievance Procedures - approved
 - After a comprehensive and thorough review by stakeholders, this update primarily refines the process related to faculty grievance procedures.
 - AOP 31.10 Schedule Planning and Registration – approved

- This update consists of minor clarifications to further align the policy with *AOP 12.38: Undergraduate Academic Advisement*
- OP 61.04 Funds of External Organizations – approved
 - No changes
- OP 61.06 Cost Transfer – approved
 - This update includes minor clarifications and the elimination of redundancies.
- OP 65.04 Securing and Paying for Honorarium, Speakers, Consultants, and Independent Contractors – approved
 - This update incorporates MSU’s BullyBuy system into the policy.
- Faculty Senate-Meet April 10th
 - AOP 13.21 Faculty Released Time for Specified Committee Chairs – approved
 - Increased the release time for the University Committee on Courses & Curricula (UCCC) Chair to align with that of Faculty Senate President
 - Add the UCCC Vice Chair as a designated position within AOP 13.21
 - Provide released time for the UCCC Vice Chair equivalent to that of FS President
 - Edits to reflect minor formatting corrections and updates to titles to ensure consistency and accuracy
 - Charter & Bylaws – approved
 - Request for representation for faculty of: Shackouls Honors College, School of Health Professionals, College of Professional and Continuing Studies, College of Integrative Studies, School of Nursing
 - It was recommended that unrepresented faculty with their respective divisions for the remainder of 2026, while drafting a letter to deans, provost, etc., citing inconsistencies with division/department/academic home assignments and requesting clarity, consistency, and transparency moving forward. The short-term goal of ensuring representation for all faculty is likely a short-term solution, while the long-term goal of ensuring stable representation and leadership opportunities for faculty in the newly formed schools/colleges will be critical to address prior to the 2027 apportionment procedure.
 - Changes to Faculty Handbook – approved
 - Officer Elections:
 - President: Whitney Crow
 - Vice President: Robert Grala
 - Secretary: Amber Robinson
- Standing Committee Review Board-no meeting
- Conflict of Interest Committee-no meeting
- Information Technology Governance Council (ITGC)-Meet April 9th
 - Voted on IT Lifecycle – approved
 - Already purged 77,000 accounts

- Strengthening Institutional Data Stewardship (OP 01.12)
 - Received good feedback from the council which I passed along. More to come at the May meeting.

Meeting was held on May 7th.

- Addressed the Canvas breach + hack.
- Mainly further discussions regarding the Strengthening Institutional Data Stewardship (OP. 01.12) → this policy is more geared towards taking better care of MSU data. Comments passed along from council included:
 - Cell phone use: this policy will not limit use of cell phones. The idea is that if you are using outlook, MSU approved tools, etc on your phone then that is fine.
 - Using MSU Devices on travel: this is not the best policy for this refinement but keeping on radar for other policy reform in the future.
 - Restricting external storage without providing affordable alternatives: reviewed the cost breakdown and said the pricing shouldn't be much different.
- Wanting to keep feedback coming in before drafting edits to the current policy.
- Next meeting will be held in July 2026.

b) Vice-Chair – Ogo Johnson

- Faculty Housing Appeals Committee – No update
- Parking Survey-Ad Hoc Committee- No update

c) Policies and Procedures Committee Chair – Cambrie Frizzell

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d) Communications Committee Chair – Dominique Belcher

- BullyWatch-Winner this month is from Meridian.
- Newsletter-Will go out soon. Email with SAD information will go out
- Website, Facebook, Twitter-

e) Awards & Scholarships Committee Chair – Jessica Rahim

- Department Donations/Fundraisers
- Spring Awards-28 applications, 1 was previous winner and 1 not registered for spring so they were ineligible. Winners have been notified.

f) Events Committee Chair – Libbi Havelin and Lisa Dye

- Staff Appreciation Day- May 22nd: -Committees gave updates. Be sure to update spreadsheet with donations. TShirts will be here soon, sign up for pickup day. Day off meet at the junction at 7:30 and be in assigned spot at 10. Junction walk through will be May 18th at 9am. Shopping day is May 19th, meet at Walmart at

9am. Be sure to login to the website to be able to scan tickets(email with instructions will come later).

4. Ongoing Business

- a) New Member Interviews-Executive team are in the process of interviewing.
- b)

5. New Business

- a) Member Recognition-Members with 3 years and 6 years of service were recognized with certificates and cowbells.
- b)

11:15 AM Meeting Adjourned

Next scheduled meeting: June 10th, 2026

University Committee Assignments 2025-2026

University Committee

Athletic Council-brief meeting to thank everyone for their service.
Calendar Committee-emailed minor changes and those were addressed.
Dining Advisory Committee*
Employee Benefits Committee
Health and Wellness
Inclusive Excellence Leadership
Instructional Technology Advisory Committee
Parking and Traffic Regulations Committee-remember to get parking pass
Performing Arts Committee
Recreation Advisory Committee
Satisfactory Academic Progress Committee
Special Events & Game Day
Sustainability Committee
Traffic Appeals Committee
University Workplace Safety Committee
Work-Life Balance Committee-Met and is in process of updating website.

Staff Council Representative (Backup)

Lateshia Butler (Cindy Ratcliff)
Veronika Jelinkova (Connor Simmons)
Hannah Howell (Lynn Palmer Purnell)
Veronika Jelinkova (Cindy Ratcliff)
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