

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
Leon Johnson 346
August 30, 2023
3:15pm-4:30pm

Name	Represents	Attended
Ellis, Colter	Chair	x
Anderson, Christina	AR/Film and Photography	x
Bartkowiak, Ania	EHHD/Counseling	x
Brown, Lisa	Gallatin College	x
Caton, Gary	Business	x
Coffey, Jerry	Emeritus Faculty	x
Downs, Doug	LS/English	x
Flory, Dan	LS/History & Philosophy	x
Izurietta, Clemente	EN/Computer Science	x
Janzen, Gesine	AR/Art	x
Kalonde, Gilbert	EHHD/Education	x
Lauchnor, Ellen	EN/Civil Engineering	x
Maher, Rob	EN/Electrical & Computer Engineering	x
McCalla, Scott	LS/Math Sciences	x
McCalla, Stephanie	EN/Chemical and Biological Engineering	x
McDermott, Tim	AG/Land Resources	x
McKelvey, Hannah	Library	x
McPhee, Kevin	AG/Plant Sciences & Plant Pathology	x
Orendorff, Karie	EHHD/Food Systems, Nutrition & Kinesiology	x
Posbergh, Chris	AG/ Animal and Range	x
Rebane, Aleks	LS/Physics	x
Rushing, Sara	LS/Political Science	x
Stoneback, Sarah-Webex	AR/Music	x
Stowers, Steve	AG/Micro Cell Biology	x
Thorsen, Maggie	LS/Sociology and Anthropology	x

Tillack, Peter	LS/Modern Languages	x
Verhille, Christine	LS/Ecology	x
Walach, Michael	AG/Agricultural Education	x
Walter, Mat	Extension/Off Campus	x

Alternates	Represents	Attended
Gannon, Paul	EN/Chemical Engineering	x
Johnson, Erick	EN/Mechanical & Industrial Engineering	x
Orme, Devon	LS/Earth Sciences	x
Yu, Yang	AG/Agricultural Economics	x

OTHER ATTENDEES	Represents	Attended
Anderson, Ryan	Faculty Affairs	x
Babcock, Michael	Center for Faculty Excellence	x
Clark, Jason	Library	x
Miley, Michelle	English/Writing Center	x
President Cruzado	President	x
Provost Mokwa	Provost	x
Sobek, Durward	Academic Affairs	x

- I. Call to Order
 - a. Meeting was called to order at 3:16pm

- II. New Chair – Dr. Colter Ellis

- III. Welcome Remarks: President Cruzado
 - a. Thank you to Colter for stepping up.
 - b. Thank you to Jennifer for her service.
 - c. Things look good at MSU
 - i. Enrollment looks good
 - ii. Slowly moving away from the word “retention”.
 - A. Sounds like it’s against their will
 - iii. Record research expenditures
 - d. Brought back Convocation

- i. Official welcome
 - ii. Emphasis of first year students
 - e. Sept 19, 7pm in SUB
 - i. Open 2nd Hispanic Heritage month
 - A. Solito
 - 1. Javier Zamora
 - f. October 18, 2023, 7pm, Field House
 - i. Anthony Ray Hinton and Lara Love Hardin
 - A. The Sun Does Shine
 - g. Thank you for all you do for MSU!
- IV. Approval of FS Minutes from May 3, 2023
 - a. Michael Walach moves to approve. Chris Posbergh seconds. None opposed. Approved.
- V. Call for Nominations for Chair-Elect
 - a. Maggie Thorsen moves to nominate Stephanie McCalla as Chair-Elect.
 - b. Kevin McPhee moves to accept a unanimous ballot for Stephanie McCalla. Paul Gannon seconds. None opposed. Approved.
 - c. Think about running
 - i. Stipends
 - A. Chair-Elect 30% of AY base pay, plus one month summer salary
 - B. Chair 60% of AY base Pay, plus one month summer salary
- VI. FYI Items
 - a. LMS Update
 - i. The RFP was launched in May and has now undergone a first stage paper evaluation by a team of IT professionals, LMS administrators, and faculty. Two finalist vendors, Instructure (Canvas) and Desire2Learn (Brightspace), will now move on to a three-part second phase of evaluation, which will include:
 - A. A structured demonstration, focusing on the faculty and student experience of using the LMS.
 - B. A structured demonstration, focusing on the administrative, IT, and analytics capabilities of the LMS.
 - C. Course migration testing, to evaluate the ability of the LMS to import courses with fidelity and lessen any required course uplift or adjustments.
 - ii. A 14-member team from across the university system will lead these evaluation tasks, with the aim of identifying a final vendor by the middle of September. This accelerated timeline is important, as it both allows us to leverage time-limited funding to support transition costs and ensures adequate planning time for our desired transition date of Fall 2024.
 - iii. Check [here](#) for updates

- b. Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences Faculty Charrette 09.14.2023
 - i. To kick off this effort, the [Office of Research Development](#) cordially invites you to participate in a HASS Faculty Charrette to brainstorm and gather ideas on various ways we can support your scholarship. The event will occur Thursday, Sept. 14, from 3:30-5 p.m. in the Leigh Lounge at the Strand Union Building. Refreshments will be provided. [Please RSVP](#) by Friday, Sept. 1
- c. [Hispanic Heritage Month 2023](#)
 - i. A Moderated Conversation with Author & Poet Javier Zamora September 19th, 7:00pm; doors open at 6:00pm Strand Union Building Ballrooms. [Tickets are free.](#)

VII. Information Updates

- a. Update from the 2023 Summer AI-Generated Text Working Group from CLS Associate Dean Dr. Michelle Miley and Director of the Center for Faculty Excellence Dr. Michael Babcock. [Hand out](#)
 - i. Questions
 - A. How will you assess WRIT 101's outcomes?
 - 1. Still working on that
 - B. You can use AI for certain things and cite it.
 - ii. Useful links:
 - A. <https://wac.colostate.edu/repository/collections/textgened/>
 - B. [Center for Faculty Excellence Information about Generative AI](#)
 - 1. Syllabus language
 - 2. Question
 - i. Is it a good tool for faculty or a tool for cheating?
 - It can be used for both.
 - Faculty: designing prompts that get the results you are looking for.
 - a. Research questions
 - Go back to the learning outcomes. What is it the assignment is wanting the student to learn?
 - Encourage faculty to form faculty conversation groups to talk about these issues.
 - You get a better product if you have a subscription than if you don't.
 - C. [KBZK News Video/Article](#)
 - 1. Interview with Ken Silvestri from CFE

VIII. Undergraduate Courses and Programs

- a. Courses—First Reading
 - i. [ARTH 343](#) : Modern Art in Italy

- ii. [BIOO 315](#) : Aquatic Insects
- iii. [MUSI 124](#) : Musical Objects: Knowledge & Fluency
- iv. [MUSI 125](#) : Elements of Large-Scale Musical Design
- v. [MUSI 137](#) : Foundations of Aural Perception
- vi. [MUSI 220](#) : Music Theory of Tonal Music
- vii. [MUSI 221](#) : Theory in 19th-Century Repertoire
- viii. [MUSI 222](#) : Theory in 20th-Century Repertoire
- ix. [MUSI 223](#) : Theory in Popular Music
- x. [PSCI 448](#) : The Politics of Climate Change
- xi. [STAT 456](#) : Bayesian Statistical Inference

b. Course Changes — First Reading

- i. [ESOF 422](#) : Advanced Software Engineering: Cybersecurity Practices

IX. Graduate Courses and Programs

a. Course Inactivations-First Reading

- i. [EELE 561](#) : Digital System Design

X. Senators' Open Conversation

a. Software

- i. Software needed for research and teaching have been delayed or not renewed due to the MSU cyberattack. Within engineering there are about 2 dozen licenses that are on hold.
 - A. Impeding teaching
 - B. Questions on policy
 - C. Questions on how it has been enforced
 - D. Questions on academic freedom
 - E. Others ran into the same issue last semester.
 - F. Rules have been in place since 2020 and now we are following through with it.

- ii. VP Knutson from UIT will be at a future meeting to talk about this

b. 12 month pay

- i. Where are we on 12 month pay for faculty?
- ii. It is on Colter's list and he will advocate.

XI. Public Comment

a. Provost Mokwa

- i. Welcome back. Welcome new members. Thank you for your service. Will help with any issues however I can.

XII. Adjourn Karie Orendorff moves to approve. Peter Tillack seconds. Meeting is adjourned at 4:28pm.