

Notes from September 30, 2016 BOR Meeting
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Here is a report note from the September 30, 2016 Board of Regents meeting. Listed below are comments that were raised from the reporting of the June 10 minutes. They are regarding the reduction in faculty pay as a result of a budget deficit situation.

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It was stated in the June 10, 2016 minutes:

“Chair Goodpaster provided additional comments on behalf of the Board.” ...

“Academic Affairs is being asked to undertake some initiatives and focus on some instructional efficiencies while also improving retention. If these efficiencies are not realized, further budget reductions may become necessary. If this is the case, the Board will not eliminate tenure or tenure-track faculty, but will instead reduce faculty salaries to fill the remaining gap.”

I asked the chair for clarification. Did the statements recorded in the minutes as “*on behalf of the board*” reflect official board policy or were they only personal statements made by the chair? The minutes indicated that this was stated by the chair as being “*on behalf of the board.*” My assertion was that this was not a policy that was discussed, approved or voted on by the full board. This was only a statement made by the chair that lacked the authority of a policy approved by the Board of Regents.

President Andrews addressed the academic side of the budget indicating that this policy would most likely not be necessary.

I made the motion to request a vote of the full board to allow an open and clear understanding of what was being accepted as policy. My motion was not seconded and was dismissed. The chair would not amend the minutes to reflect any change in the record. Nevertheless, this policy was never acted on by the board. I requested that the June 10 minutes reflect that this was only a “suggestion or recommendation” by the chair and not a policy approved by the Board of Regents.

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The full board agenda book is available on the associated MSU web site. Included in it is the Fall 2016 Preliminary Enrollment Report.

Fall Headcount = 10,439 FTE = 7,351
First-time Freshmen = 1,278 (-12.53%)

Current Enrollment - 2016 Profile

<u>Fall 2016 FTFR</u>	<u>% of Cohort /Average</u>
In State	83.57%
In Service Region	46.24%
Out of Service Region	37.32%
Out of State	14.55%
International	1.88%
Average ACT	22.86
Average HSGPA	3.45

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Presented in the BOR meeting was a lengthy enrollment report that included a summary of the differences between data sources such as the CPE, IPEDS, CUPA, NCAA, and others. As an example:

MSU Instructional Expenditures

- IPEDS (2014/15) = \$54.5 million
- CPE/MSU = \$42.3 million
- \$12.2 million difference?
 - IPEDS includes restricted funds with unrestricted and CPE only includes unrestricted funds

MSU STUDENT FTE

CPE/MSU

UG - SCH / 15

+ GR - SCH / 12

7,678 FTE (Fall 2014)

IPEDS – Fall

Total Full-time Students

+ UG part-time x .403543

+ GR part-time x .361702

8,298 FTE (Fall 2014)