



**Academic Evaluation Committee (AEC) Minutes:
February 17, 2026, at 11:00 am – 12:00 pm (regular meeting), via zoom**

Meeting Information:

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Present: Ashu Tripathi (Chair), Audrey Bennett, Mihai Burzo, Brian Cors (ITS), James Gulvas, Priya Mahadevan (ITS), Ann Marshall (FSO), Kang Geun Shin, Deirdre Spencer

Absent: Eric Beuerlein, Ivo Dinov, Hari Nathan, Bobby Madamanchi, Patricia Tillman-Meakins

Minutes:

1. The meeting was called to order and the prior meeting minutes were approved.
2. Updates
 - a. ITS is working with the Shared Service Center to retrieve data for departments that do not have official chairs. Then the survey “people file” can be finalized.
3. AEC Survey Show & Tell
 - a. ITS team member Priya Mahadevan walked AEC members through a sample survey, allowing AEC members to review the look and feel of the interface. AEC members were also provided with a link to review the survey interface based upon respondent unqiename.
 - b. The revised DEI question data is expected to replace the prior year in terms of data comparably across years and will be relayed to ITS member Chris Gardner for the 2026 AEC survey visualizations. This also holds true for other 2026 survey questions where small rewordings were made.
 - c. For the new administrative bloat questions, if the respondent indicates “disagree” or “strongly disagree,” an open-ended box for additional comments will appear.
 - d. As in prior years, all AEC survey questions are optional. The main questions are immediately viewable, and the supplementary questions can be viewed at the discretion of the respondent.
 - e. **Edit:** An AEC member recommended that a web link to provost and president priorities be provided in the open-ended questions for the president and provost.
 - f. **Edit:** It was recommended that the number “20” be removed under the faculty recruitment question in the “Opinions of Faculty” section.
 - g. **Edit & Action Item:** AEC will revise the “Welcome page” bullet points to make the list shorter and to also add bullet points to encourage faculty to complete the survey. A revised “welcome page” will be sent to AEC members for review.
4. Publicizing the Survey Results
 - a. AEC members expressed interest in more widely communicating the AEC survey results through a news article in the Michigan Daily and/or University Record.
5. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,
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