



MSU Extension and AgBioResearch State Advisory Council Member Commitment

- Council members serve for up to two three-year terms.
- Council members understand MSU Extension and AgBioResearch programming and priorities.
- Provide input to MSU Extension and AgBioResearch leadership in setting priorities for new and existing educational programming and research.
- Council members appreciate that Diversity, Equity and Inclusion are important, interdependent components of everyday life in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources (CANR) including MSU Extension and AgBioResearch and that Diversity, Equity and Inclusion are critical to our pursuit of academic excellence. Our Council members actively work to foster a culture where all members feel valued, supported and inspired to achieve individual and common goals with an uncommon will.
- Council members actively participate in MSU Extension district, AgBioResearch center and/or organizational activities so the issues and opportunities discussed in these settings can be represented at the state level.
- Council members support and mentor district and county MSU Extension councils and AgBioResearch advisory groups as requested or as needed.
- Council members communicate with leaders and policy makers at all levels as a representative of MSU Extension and AgBioResearch.
- When representing MSU Extension and AgBioResearch in all settings, State Advisory Council members cannot endorse or oppose any federal, state or local candidate running for political office or any ballot initiatives.
- When representing MSU Extension and AgBioResearch, State Advisory Council members will follow MSU's social media guidelines available online at: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/anrcom/social-media-website/>
- Be open to facilitate development related conversations and identify opportunities for MSUE/ABR/CANR to engage others in philanthropy.
- Council members ensure that the mission and vision of MSU Extension and AgBioResearch and the interests and needs of clientele are represented on a nondiscriminatory basis without regard to race, age, color, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, religion, national origin, migratory status, disability/abilities, political affiliation, veteran status and socioeconomic background.
- Council members review all materials prior to Council meetings to help ensure conversations are productive and engaging.
- Council members attend all meetings. The council meets in-person two times a year. Each of these meetings are held over the course of two days. The March meeting is held in Lansing. The fall meeting is held at an outstate location. Meals and lodging are provided and members are reimbursed for all travel to and from the in-person meetings. Two additional meetings (summer and winter) are conducted via electronic communications and usually last about two hours. If unable to attend, Council members will be excused from a meeting by giving prior notice of their absence. Exceptions will be made for emergency situations.
- Council members understand that if they are absent from three consecutive meetings, it will be considered a voluntary resignation. Any Council member may relinquish their position at any time by contacting the MSU Extension and AgBioResearch Directors.
- Council members will recruit and orient new Council members as requested or as needed.
- Council members will return emails and/or phone calls in a timely, professional manner.