Leadership
1955 to Present

Past Directors
1955 – 1958 Jack Breslin
1958 – 1963 John Kinney
1963 – 1987 Jack Shingleton
1987 – 1989 Ed Fitzpatrick (Interim/Acting)
1989 – 1991 Thomas Luten
1991 – 2001 Vernicka Tyson
2001 – 2013 Kelley Bishop
2013 – 2017 Phil Gardner

Where are they today?

Jack Breslin (1920 – 1988)
The Jack Breslin Student Events Center is a 15,000 seat arena that opened in 1989, and is named for Jack Breslin, MSU alumnus, former athlete and administrator, who first began pushing for the arena in 1969.

John Kinney (details unknown)

Jack Shingleton (1922 – 2011)
Retired in 1987 after serving MSU for more than 40 years in administrative capacities that included director of placement, assistant director of personnel, acting athletic director, assistant secretary of the Board of Trustees and interim director of alumni relations. Later served on the MSU Board of Trustees from 1991 through 1999, including one year as chairman.

Ed Fitzpatrick (1930 – 2016)
Served as the Placement Office staff advisor to the inaugural “Careers ’66” career event organized and run by students. Co-author of two books and recipient of many MSU recognition awards, including Senior Class Council Outstanding Service to Students and honorary membership in the MSU Varsity “S” Club.

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