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Present: Holland, Lehman, Masten (chair), Mondro, Oey, Weineck, Ziff; Schneider, Snyder

Absent: Schultz, Smith

Guests: *Daily* reporter, *Record* reporter, J. Hilton (office of provost)

MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED

1. Draft agenda
2. Draft minutes of 25 February 2015 SACUA
3. Draft agenda for 16 March 2015 Senate Assembly meeting
4. Model Grievance Procedures, provisions regarding Faculty Grievance Monitor
5. Nominees for Honorary Degree Selection Committee
6. Honorary Degree Committee 2014-2015 Membership

Chair Masten convened the meeting at 3:15 P.M. The draft agenda was approved.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of 25 February 2015 were approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The Senate Assembly and the University Senate will meet on 16 March 2015.
2. Election of Senate Secretary and new SACUA members is scheduled for the Assembly/Senate meeting.
3. The chair and Professor Lehman will attend a regularly scheduled private meeting with the president on Wednesday, 11 March 2015.
4. Nominations are still sought for the steering committee for Transition for the UM Campus Telephone system
5. A Regents update alerted them to the faculty governance newsletter
6. The president will meet with SACUA on 23 March and 22 April.
7. The provost will meet with SACUA on 30 March and 13 April.

STATUS REPORTS

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Model and Unit Grievance Procedures-

At least one new grievance has been filed. There may have been some changes to tenure standards in LSA. The LSA executive committee publishes tenure statistics annually.

Office of Institutional Equity Procedures-

Deferred to later in the agenda.

Fitness for Duty SPG-

Deferred to later in the agenda.

Professional Standards for Faculty SPG-

Deferred to later in the agenda.

Unit deviations from University-wide policies and procedures-

No new developments.

Total Compensation Propriety and Transparency-

No new developments.

Administrative Services and IT Rationalization, Implementation and Oversight-

No new developments.

Senate Rules Amendments-

No new developments.

Unizin/Canvas Implementation and Oversight-

No new developments.

PLANNING FOR MARCH SENATE ASSEMBLY AND SENATE MEETINGS

Five faculty have confirmed their candidacy for SACUA elections. There are three additional faculty still considering their candidacy. Nominations from the floor will be in order. SACUA approved distributed item 3.

FACULTY GRIEVANCE MONITOR

The pool of designees for faculty grievance monitor is depleted. SACUA will develop proposals in its annual grievance memorandum.

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS SPG MEMORANDUM

This topic was postponed, but the chair pointed out that there appears to be national interest in this topic.

MARCH-APRIL PRIORITIES

SACUA is awaiting a response to its most recent memorandum about Fitness for Duty.

Professional Standards for Faculty is a remaining priority, as is OIE procedures.

Additional candidate topics:

- An annual grievance report
- Procedural errors in recent grievance hearing reports
- A guidance for grievances page on the faculty governance website
- Advice for GHBs on grievability
- Additional topics from the Status Report lists
- Committee chair guidance document and annual meeting of committee chairs
- Review AEC general administration questions

SACUA COMMITTEE LIAISON UPDATES

The AEC evaluation is ongoing.

The Development Advisory Committee met, but conducted no business worthy of report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting entered executive session at 4:10 P.M. to discuss (1) nominees for the honorary degree selection committee, and (2) next steps with SACUA's OIE Procedures report.

The meeting resumed open session at 4:38 P.M.

SACUA approved release of the public version of its OIE Procedures report by unanimous vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no other unfinished business.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

John T. Lehman
Interim Senate Secretary

University of Michigan Bylaws of the Board of Regents, Sec. 5.02:

Governing Bodies in Schools and Colleges

Sec. 4.01 The University Senate

"...[t]he Senate is authorized to consider any subject pertaining to the interests of the university, and to make recommendations to the Board of Regents in regard thereto. Decisions of the University Senate with respect to matters within its jurisdiction shall constitute the binding action of the university faculties. Jurisdiction over academic policies shall reside in the faculties of the various schools and colleges, but insofar as actions by the several faculties affect university policy as a whole, or schools and colleges other than the one in which they originate, they shall be brought before the University Senate."

Rules of the University Senate, the Senate Assembly and the Senate Advisory Committee on University Affairs:

Senate: "In all cases not covered by rules adopted by the Senate, the procedure in Robert's Rules of Order shall be followed."

Assembly: "The Assembly may adopt rules for the transaction of its business. In appropriate cases not covered by rules of the Assembly, the rules of the University Senate shall apply."

SACUA: "The committee may adopt rules for the transaction of its business."

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