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THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
Senate Advisory Committee on University Affairs (SACUA)
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Present: Fagerlin , Schultz, Smith; Szymanski; Weineck (chair), Wright; Ziff; Schneider, Snyder

Absent: Lehman; Mondro, Potter,

Guests: Michigan Daily

3:15 Call to Order/ Approval of Agenda and Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Chair Weineck at 3:15. The agenda was approved. The minutes were approved with previously submitted changes although Professor Schultz expressed concern about the extensive use of acronyms. It was agreed in the future to give the full definition the first time an acronym is used.

3:20 Announcements

As the committee liaison, Professor Smith asked to report on the Medical Affairs Advisory Committee (MAAC) most recent meeting. He said the Medical School is implementing massive curriculum changes intended to integrate science with medical practice. Professor Fagerlin stated the curriculum changes will place additional burdens on faculty in terms of being more time and labor intensive. Chair Weineck said she would contact Ed Rothman the MAAC chair to ask if SACUA should become involved with the changes.

3:25 Status Reports

- Model and Unit Grievance Procedures and Ongoing Grievances
- Office of Institutional Equity procedures
- Fitness for Duty and Professional Standards for Faculty SPGs and Tenure
- Unit deviations from University-wide policies and procedures
- Total compensation propriety and transparency
- Administrative Services and IT Rationalization, implementation and oversight
- Unizin/Canvas, implementation and oversight -
 - Library Dean James Hilton and Chief Information Officer Laura Patterson will attend the August 17 SACUA meeting to discuss Unizin and Canvas
- Sabbatical Denials -
 - The SACUA office will continue its research on the frequency of sabbatical denials
- Regents Faculty Governance Update

3:30 Newsletter Update

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SACUA members read, discussed and finalized language for the next faculty governance newsletter on the topics of 1) the Office of Institutional Equity (OIE) and 2) the Fitness for Duty Standard Practice Guide (SPG). The SACUA office will determine OIE policy on faculty recording of meetings and acquiring potential questions in writing. Chair Weineck gave background on the Fitness for Duty SPG issue and the administration's desire to have a faculty SPG. She said SACUA had negotiated a restriction to medical issues and grievability of decisions but had not been able to negotiate for a year's compensation nor removal of some deans' power. Chair Weineck said she would like to send out the newsletter before the beginning of the school year.

3:40 Regents Faculty Governance Update

The monthly Regents' Faculty Governance Update was discussed. Professor Fagerlin volunteered to attend Regents' meetings and write the monthly update. Professor Schultz said this is comparable to a committee liaison position and should be treated accordingly. It was agreed monthly updates will not be written unless there is important and valuable information to convey to the Regents. Topics for Regents' Updates will be a regular agenda item.

3:50 Professional Standards SPG 201.96

Due to insufficient time to discuss the issue, the Professional Standards SPG discussion was postponed

4:10 Executive Session

SACUA entered executive session and discussed Regents' Bylaw 5.08, committee members and liaisons.

4:55 Unfinished business

There was no unfinished business

5:00 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:00

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Schneider
Faculty Senate Office

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."

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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."