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THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
Senate Advisory Committee on University Affairs (SACUA)
Monday, November 6, 2017 3:15 pm
Fleming Building, Regents' Room

Present: Atzmon, Beatty, Carlos, Ortega (chair), Malek, Marsh, Schultz, Szymanski, Wright;
Potter, Schneider, Snyder

Absent: none

Guests: [Professor Toyama]; Members of the Press

3:17 Call to Order/Approval of Minutes
The agenda was accepted. The Minutes for October 30 were approved.

3:20: Announcements

Chair Ortega drew attention to the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) climate survey (<http://diversity.umich.edu/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/DEI-FACULTY-REPORT-FINAL.pdf>) and to the Diversity Summit that will be held this week (<https://record.umich.edu/articles/diversity-summit-celebrate-progress-address-challenges>). Professor Schultz called attention to the coverage of the survey in the *Chronicle of Higher Education* (<http://www.chronicle.com.proxy.lib.umich.edu/article/2-Flagship-Universities/241678>). There was discussion of the report and about the material that is available through the links offered by the *Record* and the *Chronicle* to a climate survey that was identified as having been conducted in 2016, which is the date of the material collected (see pp. 2; 49). Professor Potter pointed out that the value of the survey, based on material gathered without reference to the incidents of this fall, was problematic.

Professor Schultz drew attention to the Senate Assembly statement on Academic Freedom, circulated with the call to the meeting, and incorporated in the Faculty Handbook (<https://www.provost.umich.edu/faculty/handbook/1/1.C.html>). Chair Ortega discussed the 1991 case in which the University's policy on hate speech was struck down for being overly broad (http://openscholarship.wustl.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1916&context=law_lawreview) and the proposed Community Colleges State Bill 350 proposing guidelines for handling speech issues on community college campuses (<http://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2017-2018/billintroduced/Senate/pdf/2017-SIB-0350.pdf>).

3:45 Guest: Professor Kentaro Toyama (chair, Academic Affairs Advisory Committee [AAAC]), the scheduled guest, did not attend the meeting.

3:45 Executive Session

Advisory Committee to the General Counsel
Office of Institutional Equity

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Flint Governance
Free speech issues

5:10 Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,
David S. Potter
Senate Secretary

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