

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
Senate Advisory Committee on University Affairs (SACUA)
March 7, 2016
Monday, 3:15 pm
Fleming Building, Regents' Room

Present: Lehman, Mondro, Schultz, Smith, Weineck (chair), Wright, Potter, Schneider and Snyder

Absent: Szymanski, Ziff

Guests: Reporters for the *Michigan Daily* and the *University Record*

3:15 Call to Order/Approval of Agenda and Minutes of February 1 and 8/Announcements

Chair Weineck discussed upcoming visitors to SACUA and said that CANVAS would come to Senate Assembly. She is invited to attend the Executive Officer (EO) meeting tomorrow. As a member of the Shared Services Center (SSC) governing council meeting, she had written to Dean Runge about the Medical School's decision move to Shared Services. Chair Weineck asked for a volunteer to replace Professor Fagerlin on the M-Healthy Committee. Professor Potter volunteered to replace Professor Fagerlin on the M-Healthy Committee. The UM Privacy officer wishes to talk with SACUA.

Provost Pollack has agreed to have one meeting involving her, the General Counsel and SACUA concerning the professional Standards SPG.

3:20 Committee Liaison Reports

Professor Schultz said that CRAC was meeting with Vice President Wilbanks on Thursday

3:45 Preparation for March 21 Senate/Senate Assembly Meetings

Chair Weineck raised the issue of the Senate Agenda. She asked if the size of Senate Assembly and the structure of SACUA leadership could be items for the agenda. She also noted that with nine people SACUA cannot have a structure that is similar to the faculty governance structures of other the universities whose representatives would be coming to the conference next week. The status of Clinical faculty was discussed. The issue is that Clinical Faculty do not have academic freedom and tenure, which is the core of faculty governance. The issue of the relationship between the University and the Medical School can be a topic of discussion with our guests. Professor Potter said that there was not an issue of sufficient importance to warrant calling a meeting of the University Senate.

Professor Lehman moved that "owing to the fact that we have already satisfied our mandatory Senate meeting, there is no need to hold one in March." Professor Smith seconded. The vote in favor of the motion was unanimous. Professor Potter said that a message should be sent to all faculty telling them that they are receiving the message because they are members of the Senate

and SACUA urges them to attend the conference of faculty governance as it deals with important issues of University life. There will not be a Senate meeting; the Senate Assembly meeting will have the following agenda:

- Call to order/Approval of Agenda/Announcements
- SACUA Election including Statement Presentations
- FAR Advice
- Unfinished Business

4:00 Faculty Governance Conference Preparations

The schedule is now as follows:

Monday

- 10:00-12:00: Faculty purview: Chair Weineck moderator; Professor Mondro recorder
- 1:00-3:00: Due Process: Professor Lehman moderator; Professor Szymanski recorder

Tuesday

- 9:00-10:45: Title IX: Professor Potter moderator; Professor Schultz recorder
- 11:00-12:45: Academic Freedom: Professor Smith moderator; Professor Wright recorder
- 1:00-2:00: lunch
- 2:00-3:30: Wrap up

We will address whether there should be a faculty governance organization

With only four panels, there will be plenty of space for discussion independently of the panels Professor Mondro suggested that people should turn in written questions to the moderators, it was agreed that this would be a good thing to do. The questions will be presented as the discussants are finished with their presentations.

Professor Smith asked about a wrap up session, and there was general agreement that this should happen from 3:30-5:00 after a coffee break from 3:00-3:30.

Chair Weineck suggested that the wrap up should consider the foundation of a Faculty Governance Leadership Council (title suggested by Professor Lehman) and develop white papers on the topics that have been discussed.

4:35 Unfinished Business/Matters Arising

The ballot for the SACUA agenda was discussed

4:32 Executive Session

Topics were the SACUA election; the FAR nominees; Membership of the Honorary Degrees Committee; membership of the DPS Oversight Committee; EO Committees and privacy issues

5:00 Adjournment

Next Senate Assembly Meeting: March 21

Next SACUA Meeting: March 28

Respectfully submitted,

David S. Potter
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

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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.”