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THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
SENATE ASSEMBLY MEETING

March 21, 2016

Monday, 3:15 pm

Forum Hall, Palmer Commons

Present: Adunbi, Aidala, Atzmon, Baker, Brown, Carlos, Chen, Dolins, Erickson, Fossum, Fraser, Freeman, Friesen, Gaggio, Jones, Keshamouni, Kileny, Kupferschmid, Lehman, Liu, Lyman, Malek, Orady, Ortega, Pecina, Raphael, Roddier, Rothman, Schloss, Schultz, Schmidt, Schwank, Skolarus, E. Smith, D. Smith, Swain, Szymanski, Veatch, Vinokur, Welsh, Weineck, Winful, Ziff, Zimmerman

Alternate Requested: Bruch, Casida, Cattaneo, Cohn, Gocek, Grosh, Kaartinen, Kirshner, Krivokapic

Alternates: Stoddard (Nursing), Caron (LSA)

Absent: Adlerstein Gonzalez, Atchade, Bagley, Bhattacharyya, Beck, Bertacco, Broglio, Mortenson, Ellis, Jacobsen, Lenk, Li, Lim, Mondro, Moss, Nielsen, Pandey, Princen, Sanchez, Shaefer, Wang, Woodard, Wright, Zeisberg

3:17 Call to Order/Approval of Agenda and Minutes/Announcements

3:17 The Agenda was unanimously approved.

3:18 The Minutes for the January and February minutes were unanimously approved.

3:20 Report on Faculty Governance Conference

Chair Weineck said that this was the first conference of its kind as far as she knew, involving faculty governance leaders from UC Berkeley, Illinois, Iowa, Michigan State, Minnesota, Nebraska/Lincoln, Northwestern, UCLA, Wisconsin/Madison, Virginia. The conference was a lively event structured around four topics including Title IX and Academic Freedom. Two larger points that became clear to the Michigan contingent is that we have the weakest governance system of the schools present. Our role is almost entirely advisory. For comparison Berkeley, which has the strongest system faculty governance, is involved in salary setting; Illinois Faculty assembly appoints the search committee. Many others have members on the boards of trustees. With larger power comes far greater involvement in decision making and consultation. Chair Weineck stressed that Michigan is very decentralized, and the faculty executive committees at the college level have more power. Governance structures vary. Rutgers, for instance, has a shared system with staff and students included with faculty. Each school has something like SACUA, but they all have a leadership system that often includes the chair, past chair and chair elect, and she felt that the next SACUA. There have been 72 members of SA for decades despite the increase in the size of the faculty. It is also clear that other schools had problems that we do not have, such as with their governing board or state government. There was also a very good and lively talk by Laura Kipnis entitled "Stupid Sex," drawing upon her experience with Title IX regulations at Northwestern. She offered to share the SACUA subscription to Assembly Members, to enhance their access to discussions if issues in Higher Education.

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3:25 SACUA Election including Statement Presentations

The slate of counters was unanimously approved. The counters will be Professors Jones, Lehman, Potter and Szymanski.

There were no nominations from the floor.

Candidate Statements were delivered.

4:20 At a roll call of eligible voters 41 were identified.

The top vote getters were as follows:

Schultz 29

Atzman 29

Carlos 28

Marsh 27

Ortega 27

Fraser 26

The candidates who received fewer votes were

Kilney

Ahbel-Rappe

Case

Chen

If there are only four SACUA places to be filled, there will be a run-off election at the next Senate Assembly meeting between Professors Marsh and Ortega. If there are six open spots those spots will be filled by the top six vote-getters.

4:55 Unfinished Business/Matters Arising

5:00 Adjournment

4:35 Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

David S. Potter

Senate Secretary

University of Michigan Bylaws of the Board of Regents, Sec. 4.01:

The University Senate

The 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.

University of Michigan Bylaws of the Board of Regents, Sec. 4.04:

The Senate Assembly

The Senate Assembly shall serve as the legislative arm of the senate.

The assembly shall have power to consider and advise regarding all matters within the jurisdiction of the University Senate which affect the functioning of the university as an institution of higher learning, which concern its obligations to the state and to the community at large, and which relate to its internal organization insofar as such matters of internal organization involve general questions of educational policy.

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

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

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