

Minutes of 20 March 2017  
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THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
UNIVERSITY SENATE MEETING  
SENATE ASSEMBLY MEETING  
March 20, 2017  
Monday, 3:15 pm  
Forum Hall, Palmer Commons

**Present:** Aidala, Atzmon, Azizi, Bertacco, Cattaneo, Chatterjee, Cohn, Djuric, Eaton, Ellis, Erikson, Freeman, Ghaferi, Greve, Jacobsen, Jones, Kaartinen, Kileny, Krivokapic, Kupferschmid, Larson, Lehman, Lenk, Likosky, Liu, Malek, Noll, Ortega, Pecina, Roddier, Sanchez, Schmidt, Schultz, Skolarus. L. Smith, D. Smith, Veatch, Woodard, Wright.

**Alternate Requested:** Beck (LSA), Beatty (UM Dearborn), Brown(LSA), Bruch (LSA), Casida (Nursing), Dolins (UM Dearborn), Friesen (UM Flint), Gaggio (LSA), Gallo (LSA), Schwank (Engineering), Zeisberg (LSA), Zimmerman (Taubman).

**Alternates:** Lusman (STMD), Chen (UM Dearborn), Stoddard (Nursing).

**Absent:** Alam, Bagley, Bhattacharyya, Broglio, Carlos, Chen, Mortenson, Gocek Keshamouni, Li, Lyman, McInnis, Menon, Mondro, Moss, Orady, Princen, Shaefer Szymanski, Vinkur, Wang, Weineck, Welsh, Whiting.

**University Senate Meeting:**

3:15 Call to Order/Approval of Agenda and Minutes/Announcements  
No Quorum was achieved.

3:20 Matters Arising

Chair Schultz asked if members had issues from their units that they would like to discuss. Professor Lehman asked faculty members to fill out the administrative evaluations. Professor Wright said an administrator from the Business School had complained of low response rate for the evaluation in the past.

Chair Schultz said that the next Senate Assembly meeting would feature Faculty Representatives to the Athletic Department, a report from the Tri-Campus committee, and a resolution concerning the removal of books from the Dearborn Library (there is concern about similar removals on the Ann Arbor and Flint campuses). A Senate Assembly member asked about Senate membership for lecturers and clinical faculty. Chair Schultz said the discussion would focus on clinical and emeritus faculty. A Senate Assembly member asked if the Senate Assembly could do anything tangible to deal with incidents such as the Mosque Burning in Ypsilanti (<http://www.detroitnews.com/story/news/local/michigan/2017/03/12/ypsilanti-mosque-fire/99091284/>).

3:35 Adjournment

**Senate Assembly Meeting:**

3:35 Chair Schultz called the Senate Assembly meeting to order as there was a quorum.

3:36 The agenda was passed

3:39 The minutes for January 23 were approved.

A Senate Assembly member asked why there are no minutes for February 20, 2017; Chair Schultz said that there are no minutes from the February 20 meeting because no quorum was present at that meeting.

3:41 SACUA resolution on gender neutral bathrooms

**SACUA proposed resolution:**

The University faculty governance is committed to working to create a safe and inclusive space for all people. We support a policy that allows all members of our campus to use bathrooms consistent with their gender identity.

Chair Schultz introduced the motion, pointing out that the measure supports existing University policy.

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RESOLUTION 032017-1

The resolution was amended to read:

The University faculty governance supports a policy that allows all members and visitors to our campus to use bathrooms consistent with their gender identity.

The amended measure was unanimously approved.

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3:53 Quorum Rules

Chair Schultz introduced the motion

**Current:**

The members of the Senate in any school or college may provide for the designation of one or more alternates to serve at any meeting or meetings of the Assembly in place of any member of that school or college who is unable to attend. Any such alternates so provided shall be elected.

**Proposed addition to the last sentence:** ...or appointed from senate members of the same unit by the replaced Assembly member at least 24 hours prior to the Assembly meeting by notifying [facultysenateoffice@umich.edu](mailto:facultysenateoffice@umich.edu).

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RESOLUTION 032017-2

**Final resolution:** Any such alternates so provided shall be elected or appointed from Senate members of the same unit by the replaced Assembly member at least 24 hours prior to the Assembly meeting by notifying [facultysenateoffice@umich.edu](mailto:facultysenateoffice@umich.edu).

The measure was passed unanimously passed.

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3:55 SACUA Election Including Candidate Statements

Professors Beatty; Eaton, Ellis, Gailus, Malek and Marsh delivered statements. Professor Beatty submitted her statement electronically (she is on sabbatical in New Zealand).

4:26: nominations closed

Professors Beatty (25 votes), Malek (18 votes), and Marsh (19 votes) were elected

4:50 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.

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**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.

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**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.