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Senate Members present:

Adlerstein-Gonzalez, Allen, Anastasopoulos, Andre, Arbic, Armitage, Aronoff, Arunachalam, Athey, Atkins, Barald, Barber, Bergin, Booth, Borer, Boxer, Burns, Campbell, Capps, Carethers, Carlos, Chang, Collins, Crane, Custer, Davis, DeBacker, Dorsey, Fan, Ferris, Folger, Fortson, Fraser, Frier, Fulton, Gertel, Giordani, Goldman, Green, Griess, Gumucio, Gure, Hanlon, Hanna, Hirshorn, Holland, Jagadish, Jenckes, Juster, Kearfott, Kim, Knysh, Kohn, Koopman, Koopmann, Kozloff, Larsen, Lehman, Lenk, Lin, Lusmann, Mccullagh, McDonald, Marcelo, Mars, Marsh, Masten, Meade, Meerkov, Michalowski, J. Miller, K. Miller, Monnier, Monts, Morgenstern, Navvab, Norton, Oaklander, Ortega, Pando Zayas, Pedraza, Penner-Hahn, Peters, Pierce, Pipe, Poe, Pollack, Potter, Prygoski, Raymond, Riles, Rothman (chair), Salesa, Salmond, Shapiro, Sharma, Sheets, Silbergleit, Silverman, Simon, Smith, Soellner, Stafford, Staller, Stark, Stewart, Sun, Tesar, Tessler, K. Thornton, L. Thornton, Trandafirescu, Uher, Ulsoy, von Buelow, Washington, Westlake, Winter, Wolfe, Woolliscroft, Xu, Yohn, Zahuranec, Zemgulys.

The regular meeting of the University Senate was held on 21 March 2011 at 3:54 pm in the Forum Hall of Palmer Commons, the Chair being at the podium and the Secretary being present.

A quorum was declared with 124 authenticated Senate members.

3:54 Call to Order/Approval of Agenda/Announcements

Professor Poe moved approval of the agenda. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

Volunteers were requested for the Board of Tellers for the Senate Secretary Election: Ron Lomax and Rex Holland offered themselves.

3:55 Senate Secretary Election

The floor was opened for additional nominations; there were none. Candidates Robert Fraser and John Lehman each spoke for a few minutes. The ballot was passed, collected and provided to the Board of Tellers for counting.

4:12 Discussion and vote: Extending the Tenure Probationary Period

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In the announcement of the University Senate, the faculty was sent a link to a



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resource that provided different perspectives on this issue. That link was available at:

http://www.umich.edu/~sacua/tenure/02-1_1_tenuredocs.pdf

SACUA provided three action items for the Senate's consideration:

ACTION ITEM 032111:1

Are you in favor of permitting more time for discussion, debate and the consideration of alternative plans before the University administration formally requests the Regents to amend Regents Bylaw (RB) 5.09 to extend the maximum tenure probationary period from eight years to ten?

[Tally: 55 affirmative,
66 negative,
3 abstentions]

ACTION ITEM 032111:2

Are you in favor of amending Standard Practice Guides (SPG) 201.13 and 201.92, which allow only a one-year stop of the tenure clock, to permit a possible two-year stop and to expand the specified, permissible reasons for stopping the tenure clock?

[Tally: 85 affirmative,
35 negative,
2 abstentions]

ACTION ITEM 032111:3

Are you in favor of allowing a school or college to adopt a check-box option that allows a faculty member to automatically stop their tenure clock for one year at a time, up to two times, at their discretion and without need of approval?

[Tally:
33 affirmative,
86 negative,
1 abstention]

Professor Larsen moved that Senate Assembly action item No. 012411:1 be added as action item 4. Resolved, that the January 23, 2006 Action of the Senate Assembly (No.012306-1 attached) expressing significant reservations about any changes to the existing Regents Bylaws governing tenure is hereby reaffirmed. The motion was seconded and approved.

Professor Carethers moved that action item 1 be modified and become Action Item 5, to read:

Are you in favor of requesting the Regents to amend Regents Bylaw 5.09 to extend the maximum tenure probationary period from eight years to ten? The motion was seconded. The motion was defeated 27-60 with 5 abstentions.



ACTION ITEM 032111:4

Resolved, that the January 24, 2011 Action of the Senate Assembly (No. 012411-1) affirming the January 23, 2006 Action of the Senate Assembly (No. 012306-1) expressing significant reservations about any changes to the existing Regents Bylaws governing tenure is hereby re-affirmed.

[Tally: 70 affirmative,
42 negative,
8 abstentions]

Ballots were distributed to verified Senate members, collected and given to the Board of Tellers.

5:00 Results of the Election for Secretary

The results of the election for secretary of the University Senate were announced and John Lehman was declared elected for a three-year term.

[Tally: John Lehman, 64;
Robert Fraser, 51;
"None of the above," 2
Abstentions, 4.]

5:02 Adjournment

Professor Poe moved the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded and approved.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Robert Fraser
Interim Secretary, the University Senate

**University of Michigan Bylaws of the Board of Regents, Sec. 5.02:
*Governing Bodies in Schools and Colleges***

In each school, college, or degree granting division of the University, including those at the University of Michigan-Dearborn and at the University of Michigan-Flint, the governing faculty shall be in charge of the affairs of the school, college, or division, except as delegated to the executive committee, if any, and except that in the School of Graduate Studies the governing board shall be the executive board.