

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
SENATE ASSEMBLY MEETING  
MINUTES OF 17 MARCH 1997

Chair Dunn convened the meeting at 3:21 P.M.

MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED

1. Senate Assembly Agenda
2. Draft minutes of the Senate Assembly meeting of 17 February 1997
3. Approved minutes of the SACUA meeting of 13 January 1997
4. Approved minutes of the SACUA meeting of 3 February 1997
5. Approved minutes of the SACUA meeting of 10 February 1997
6. Announcement: Race and Academic Integrity, Seventh Annual Davis, Markert, Nickerson Lecture on Academic and Intellectual Freedom
7. Principles of Faculty Involvement in Institutional and Academic Unit Governance at the University of Michigan, dated 26 February 1997
8. Bylaws of the Board of Regents, University of Michigan. Chapter V. The Faculties and Academic Staff, dated November 1993

CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF 17 FEBRUARY 1997

The minutes of 17 February 1997 were approved with one correction.

SACUA ELECTIONS

Chair Dunn directed that ballots be distributed for the election of SACUA members for the 1997-1998 year. He called for additional nominations from the floor. No additional nominations were tendered.

Ballots were collected by Senate Assembly staff, who also served as tellers. Subsequently, Chair Dunn announced that Professors Kleinsmith, MacAdam, and MacAlpine had been elected to serve on SACUA.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Dunn announced that the report from the DPSS committee chaired by Dean Boylan will be completed for distribution by the end of March. Professor Dunn added that the issue would come before the Senate Assembly after the summer break because there would remain insufficient time for review, discussion, and Regental action before the end of the academic term.

Chair Dunn reported that SACUA had met informally once with faculty members of the LSA Executive Committee, and that another such meeting was planned for April. He said that a similar informal meeting with faculty of the Engineering Executive Committee was likely, and that SACUA hopes these informal dialogs will extend to the faculty of executive committees of other units, as well.

AAAC PRINCIPLES OF FACULTY GOVERNANCE

Chair Dunn invited Professor D'Alecy to discuss the draft statement (item 7) distributed from the AAAC. Professor D'Alecy pointed out that the draft statement, in further revised form, was distributed again to the Senate Assembly in order to evoke discussion and comments back to the drafting committee. Professor D'Alecy said that the document had been discussed at numerous meetings of the AAAC, in the presence of the Provost, and also with SACUA. He referenced a comment attributed to the Provost in the 22 January 1997 minutes of AAAC: "Machen noted that a document such as this draft would be best presented as a desired code of behavior rather than a mandate requiring specific behavior."

Professor D'Alecy said that the members of AAAC were in concurrence with the opinion expressed by the Provost. He explained that what was being sought was a document with a overarching structure sufficiently catholic that it could be subsequently distributed by the Provost to individual units for specific modification and adoption locally.

#### OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

#### NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

John T. Lehman  
Senate Secretary