

Minutes of 18 March 2013 University Senate/Senate Assembly Meeting
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THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
UNIVERSITY SENATE MEETING
SENATE ASSEMBLY MEETING
18 MARCH 2013

Present: Ahbel-Rappe, Armitage, Barald, Barolo, Bayraktar, Biteen, Boxer, Bradley, Cervetti, Custer, Fagerlin, Fenno, Folger, Hayes, Hirshorn, Holland, Hollingsworth, Jacobsen, Jones, Kearfott (Chair), Koopmann, Larsen, Lehman, Mansfield, Masten, McCullagh, Moore, Muehlberger, Mutschler, Odetola, Pando Zayas, Prygoski, Schriber, Silveira, Staller, von Buelow, West, Westlake, Wright, Ziff

Requested Alternate, None Available: Adlerstein-Gonzalez (SNRE), Booth (LSA), DiPietro (Medicine), Gumucio (Medicine), Johnson (LSA), Oey (LSA), Pipe (Engineering), Ryan (Education), Szymanski (Kinesiology), Wong (Medicine)

Alternates: Kao (Katapodi-Nursing), Ryan (Danziger-Social Work), Rottwen (Adler-Dearborn), Sollenberger (Thornton-Dearborn)

Absent: Atkins, Brown, Campbell, Christman, Cotera, Goldman, Hershovitz, Jenckes, Kee, Koopman, Lu, Mora, Nevett, Poulsen, Primus, Princen, Sarma, Sept, Shah, Sonnega, Szymanski, Thompson, Trandafirescu, Turnley, Young

MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED

1. Agenda for both University Senate and Senate Assembly
2. Draft Minutes of the 18 February 2013 Senate Assembly meeting
3. Draft Minutes of the 21 March 2011 University Senate meeting
4. SACUA Candidates statements. Eight candidates campaign for three SACUA seats, 10 March 2013.

UNIVERSITY SENATE

Chair Kearfott convened the regular meeting of the University Senate at 3:15 P.M. The proposed agenda and draft minutes of 21 March 2011 were approved. No unfinished or new business was proposed. The meeting was adjourned at 3:16 P.M.

SENATE ASSEMBLY

Chair Kearfott convened the meeting of the Senate Assembly at 3:16 P.M. The proposed agenda was approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

MINUTES

The draft minutes of 18 February 2013 were approved.

SACUA ELECTION

Chair Kearfott delegated the chair to Secretary Lehman to oversee the election of new SACUA members. Professor Lehman reviewed the election rules for the forthcoming SACUA election (adopted 16 Feb 2004). He called for nominations from the floor; no nominations were offered. He invited a motion to close nominations. Multiple members of the Assembly moved and seconded a motion to close nominations. The motion was approved by majority vote without dissent.

Each candidate made a brief oral presentation to the Assembly in support of their candidacy. At conclusion of oral statements at 4:41 P.M., Professor Lehman asked the Assembly to name Professors Emeriti Jones and Mutschler as tellers, and consent was given.

Professor Lehman ascertained that 41 Senate Assembly members were present. Faculty Senate Office staff distributed 41 ballots. 41 marked ballots were received from Assembly members and were given to the tellers.

Tellers report of vote tallies:

- Mondro- 18
- Ziff- 17
- Custer- 15
- Olsen- 15
- Abocasis- 14
- Demond- 14
- Abhel-Rappe- 13
- Mansfield- 12

A runoff election was conducted between candidates Custer and Olsen; 40 ballots were received.

Tellers report:

- Olsen- 22
- Custer- 18

Chair Kearfott declared that Professors Mondro, Ziff, and Olsen had been elected to serve on SACUA for three year terms commencing 1 May 2013. Secretary Lehman remanded the ballots and teller reports to the Faculty Senate Office for archiving.

VISIT OF PROVOST-SELECT POLLACK

The guest took the floor at 3:46 P.M. She made prepared remarks about college affordability and accessibility at the University of Michigan, with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation (Appendix). She concluded her prepared remarks at 4:06 P.M. and invited questions.

Professor Koopmann challenged the view expressed by the provost-select that faculty and administration were well aligned on policy issues. He pointed to the fact that the administration

had ignored overwhelming opposition expressed by faculty vote to extending the tenure probationary period. He noted that a vote in support of the policy inside the Medical School had included non-tenure track clinical faculty, which he questioned as improper. He also pointed out that although Big-10 and faculty governance have urged that the Athletic Board be chaired by faculty, administration has not agreed, and the operations of the unit increasingly lack transparency.

Another member of the Assembly asked whether any student fees are used to support the athletic program. The provost-select replied that the athletic department is an auxiliary unit, and that no student fees are used to support it. She added that the recreational sports facilities on campus are another matter, but that no decisions have been made about ways to improve their current state.

Professor Custer asked whether the U-M endowment could be used more aggressively to improve affordability for students. The provost-select replied that most of the endowment is composed of restricted gifts earmarked for specific purposes.

The guest left the meeting at 4:11 P.M.

REAPPORTIONMENT

Chair Kearfott invited Secretary Lehman to lead a discussion of reapportionment of Senate Assembly seats. Professor Lehman explained that the Rules of the University Senate require reapportionment of seats in the Senate Assembly every three years in response to potential changes in the numbers of Senate members in the various degree-granting schools and colleges. Reapportionment is according to the Hill method used to apportion seats in the U.S. House of Representatives. The Senate Secretary said that application of the Hill method to the AY2012-2013 faculty roster obtained from central administration for purposes of the annual Administration Evaluation indicates one change only: one seat formerly assigned to the School of Information should be reassigned to UM-Dearborn. All other allocations remain unchanged.

Under the proposed reapportionment, the 74 seats of the Senate Assembly would be apportioned as follows (all unchanged unless noted):

School/College	Seats
LSA	15
Medicine	15
Engineering	6
UM-Dearborn	5 (formerly 4)
UM-Flint	3
Architecture & Urban Planning	2
Art & Design	2
Business	2
Dentistry	2
Education	2
School of Information	2 (formerly 3)
Kinesiology	2
Law	2

Music, Theatre & Dance	2
Natural Resources & Environment	2
Nursing	2
Pharmacy	2
Public Health	2
Public Policy	2
Social Work	2

ACTION OF SENATE ASSEMBLY 031813-1

Multiple members moved and seconded a motion to approve the proposed reapportionment as listed above.

Vote on the active motion:

Approving- All

Disapproving- None

Abstentions of Record- None

The Senate Secretary declared that the motion had been approved by unanimous consent.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:23 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

John T. Lehman
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.