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THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
JOINT MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE AND SENATE ASSEMBLY
19 MARCH 2012

Present: Ahbel-Rappe, Armitage, Barald (chair), Barber, Bayraktar, Bielinska, Booth, Boxer, Carson, Christman, Crane, Dorsey, Folger, Friese, Giordani, Goldman, Gumucio, Hardin, Hirshorn, Holland, Hollingsworth, Jagadish, Jenckes, Johnson, Jones, Kearfott, Koopman, Larsen, Lehman, Lusmann, Mars, Millunchick, Moore, Mora, Mutschler, Nevett, Odetola, Pando Zayas, Pipe, Poulsen, Prygoski, Rothman, Schriber, Soellner, Staller, Szymanski, von Buelow, Wolfe, Wright

Requested Alternate, None Available: Adlerstein-Gonzalez (SNRE), Davis (Law), Koopmann (Medicine), Mansfield (Engineering), McCullagh (Nursing), Miller (Education), Muehlberger (LSA), Singh (Dearborn), Szymanski (Kinesiology), Wong (medicine)

Alternates: Custer (Beck-Medicine), Hicken (Zemgulys-LSA), Mead (Westlake-Music), Young (Aronoff-Medicine)

Absent: Atkins, Borer, DiPietro, Ortega, Shah, Shore, Sonnega, Sun, Thompson, Thornton, Trandafirescu, Unnikrishnan, Williams

MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED

1. University Senate and Senate Assembly Agenda
2. Minutes of the 21 March 2011 University Senate meeting
3. Minutes of the 13 February 2012 Senate Assembly meeting
4. Statements by candidates for SACUA election

In the absence of a quorum for the University Senate meeting, Chair Barald convened the meeting of the Senate Assembly at 3:24 P.M.

AGENDA

The proposed agenda was approved.

MINUTES

The minutes of 13 February 2012 Senate Assembly were approved as submitted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nominations from the floor are still in order for the SACUA election.

VISIT OF VICE PRESIDENT FOR DEVELOPMENT

Chair Barald introduced vice president May at 3:30 P.M. The vice president reviewed fund raising at the UM and the role of his office. He said that the endowment dedicated to undergraduate scholarships and graduate fellowships is currently worth about \$1.5B; he profiled some of the representative donors.

VP May asked Assembly members how students perceive the impact of philanthropy at the UM. Members remarked that students understand scholarship support but not necessarily the support provided for research, that the Alumni Association has been instrumental in raising awareness of philanthropy, and that seniors tend to become disconnected from the university, and may warrant increased contact effort.

The vice president next reviewed the effect of the economic downturn on fundraising. He said that fundraising declined, but not severely. He said that no public university raises more money from living, private individuals than the UM. He discussed strategies to reach donors on both coasts of the U.S. He commented that some deans have said that they discourage faculty members from working hard on fundraising from corporations because they would rather have faculty spend time writing research grant proposals.

The vice president said that the UM maintains annual liaisons with China as well as with other countries in East Asia. The Development Office is also exploring contacts with India and Brazil. He explained that there is not a tradition of philanthropy in many of these regions, other than Hong Kong. He sought help from faculty members in connecting his 175 development officers with former students who have built companies abroad. He added that there is still a long way to go in cultivating alumni clubs to donate or establish scholarships.

VP May concluded by describing fundraising activities at other universities and their goals. He concluded his presentation at 4:20 P.M.

SACUA CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

Chair Barald invited nominations from the floor. No additional nominations were offered.

Each candidate for office addressed the Assembly in advance of the election.

SACUA ELECTION

Emeritus Professors Mutschler and Jones were named tellers for the election. Secretary Lehman identified Assembly members eligible to vote by direct headcount. Forty-six members were thus counted. Senate office staff distributed ballots, and members were instructed to vote for at most three of the six candidates. Forty-eight ballots were collected, one of which was returned blank and was discarded.

Tellers report-

Professor Masten-	34 votes
Professor Oey-	25 votes
Professor Holland-	23 votes
Professor Peters-	20 votes

Professor Abbel-Rappe 17 votes
Professor Hirshorn 14 votes

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:03 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.