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THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
SENATE ASSEMBLY MEETING
22 MARCH 2010

Present: Abdo, Adlerstein-Gonzalez, Andjelkovic-Zochowska, Barber, Bielinska, Borer, Brown, Davis, Denver, Dorsey, Fraser, Gest, Giordani, Green, Hirshorn, Holland, Jagdish, Jones, Karni, Kearfott, King, Koopman, Larsen, Lehman, Lenk, Lusmann, Maher, Mars, Nassauer, Navvab, Norton, Ottaviani, Ortega, Poe, Rothman, Sampson, Sharma, Sheets, Shore, Smith, Soellner, Sohn, Stark, Sweeney, Thouless, Trandafirescu, Williams, Wolfe, Ziff

Requested Alternate, None Available: Aronoff (Medicine), Bergin (LSA), Carson (LSA), Ferris (Kinesiology), Geary (Music), Kurashige (LSA), Li (Dearborn), Lim (Business), Millunchick (Engineering), Prygoski (Flint), Queen (LSA), Reddy (Medicine), Staller (Social Work), Thompson (Engineering), Zengulys (LSA)

Alternates: None

Absent: Andre, Fauman, Friesen-Lynn, Frost, Horwitz, Jackson, Johnson, Kabamba, Miller, Mueggler, Najita, Patil, Salesa, Silverman, Sun, Yang

MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED

1. Draft Senate Assembly Agenda
2. Draft minutes of the Senate Assembly meeting of 22 February 2010
3. Ballot for SACUA election

Chair Thouless convened the meeting at 3:15 P.M. The proposed agenda was approved.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Senate Assembly meeting of 22 February 2010 meeting were approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Professor Stark invited nominations for Senate Secretary to be sent to him at stark@umich.edu.

SACUA ELECTION

Chair Thouless described the rules for the SACUA election. The chair called for nominations from the floor. No nominations were offered from the floor. The chair declared the nominations closed. The chair then asked each candidate to make a statement to the Assembly, if they wished to do so. All candidates delivered a statement. In the cases of Professors Schultz and Wakefield, who were not present, chair Thouless read their written statements aloud.

Ballots were distributed at 3:40 P.M. Ballots were collected at 3:45 P.M. Professor Emeritus Moore and Professor Fraser were named election tellers.

The tellers reported the following vote tallies, based on 46 ballots cast:

Abacasis (SPH)- 16

Barald (MED)- 21

Boxer (MED)- 15

Goldman (ENG)- 31

Kearfott (ENG)- 23

Schultz (ENG)- 6

Wakefield (ENG)- 18

On the basis of the tellers' report, Chair Thouless declared that the following candidates had been elected to serve on SACUA from 1 May 2010 to 30 April 2013:

Goldman, Kearfott, and Barald.

VISIT OF EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT FOR FINANCIAL AFFAIRS AND CFO T. SLOTTOW

The guest arrived at 3:47 P.M. He presented prepared remarks with the assistance of a PowerPoint presentation about the role of Business and Finance that he delivered to the dean's forum on 7 October 2009. He concluded his prepared remarks at 4:15 P.M.

Vice president Slottow said that his group conducts satisfaction surveys of faculty, staff, and students to assess the effectiveness of the different service functions that are within his responsibility. He said that his office has a plan for regular transportation between the North Campus Research Facility and the rest of the campus, but that the modes of transportation have not been selected. A variety of solutions have been proposed. The activity is part of master planning for the campus. The master planning includes not only housing and transportation, but recreational sports facilities, as well.

The vice president said that he was aware that buses were overloaded at peak times, and that his unit is contemplating the purchase of longer, articulated buses. Professor Poe emphasized the importance of involving faculty in the decision process.

The vice president said that his office was considering reducing the endowment return from 5% at present to 4.5% in the future in an effort to protect the core endowment from inflation pressures. He said that the new indirect cost recovery rate would be increased to 55.5%. Professor Stark pointed out that the result would be less money to spend on research. He suggested it is incongruous to see IC rates increasing at a time when the CFO is claiming that service costs are being reduced. The vice president said that actual IC costs were closer to 60% but that 55.5% was what they negotiated.

The guest left the meeting at 4:55 P.M.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

There was no additional business.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

John T. Lehman
Senate Secretary

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