

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

SENATE ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF APRIL 20, 1992

ATTENDANCE

Present: Bord, A. Brown, M. Brown, Cameron, D'Alecy, Debler, Diana, Didier, Douthit, Duell, Eggertsen, Gidley, Green, Griffin, Gross, Hayashi, Hollingsworth, Jenkins, E. Jensen, Kabamba, Katehi, Koopmann, Larson, Marcelo, Montalvo, Morley, Mosberg, Mosher, Olson, Penchansky, Schwank, Schwartz, Silverstein, Simpson, Smith, Thum, Warner, Whitehouse, Woods; Thorson, Schwartz, Schessler, Heskett.

Absent: Anderson, Angus, Billi, Birge, Blair, Borgsdorf, Burdi, Chiego, Cole, Cowan, Cox, Crandall, Fellin, Goepfinger, Hirshorn, A. Jensen, Kimeldorf, Kramer, Kunkel, Loveland-Cherry, Organski, Papalambros, Porter, Razzoog, Ross, Russell, Senkevitch, Stein, Teske, Tinkle, Tosney, Veroff, Vinokur, Watkins, Wheeler, Woo, Yang.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of March 18, 1992, were approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Diana made the following announcements:

The report from the Ombudsperson Task Force has been submitted to SACUA.

At the May Senate Assembly we will hear reports from the Director of Athletics, Jack Weidenbach, and the Faculty Big Ten Representative, Percy Bates. Bruce Frier, Chair of the Legal Services Task Force, will present the committee's report to the Assembly.

The Task Force for Evaluating Administrators met last week, and John Knott will chair the group. SACUA has asked the task force to present their results next Fall.

A primary focus for faculty governance next year will be the implications of the removal of mandatory retirement. There are implications relevant to tenure, staff benefits for retirees, and the overall impact on faculty in general.

ACADEMIC FREEDOM LECTURE FUND, PEGGIE J. HOLLINGSWORTH,
PRESIDENT

Peggie J. Hollingsworth, President of the Academic Freedom Lecture Fund introduced the Second Annual Lecture on Academic and Intellectual Freedom. She stated that the protection of academic and intellectual freedoms requires a constant reminder, which is the purpose of the lecture today. Hollingsworth provided background information on the events that lead to the formation of the Academic Freedom Lecture Fund. Ongoing intellectual ferment is evident at the University of Michigan today, and we must protect our basic freedoms. The relationship of the "Fundamental Tenets of Membership in the University" (adopted in 1990) to the meaning of today's lecture was called upon to remind us of the true meaning of intellectual and academic freedom. A copy of the complete text of Dr. Hollingsworth's comments is available from the Faculty Senate Office.

OLD BUSINESS

This is the last meeting of the Senate Assembly during James Diana's term as Chair. He thanked Hollingsworth and Debler, the other outgoing SACUA members, for their service. Diana presented a summary of this year's activities: the Senate Assembly called for elimination of the ROTC policy which discriminates against lesbians and gay men; Provost Whitaker addressed the Assembly; President Duderstadt spoke to the Assembly about the university's external relations; the Assembly heard presentations about research overhead and sexual orientation discrimination; and the effectiveness of faculty governance was the subject of a special meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane G. Schwartz
Senate Secretary

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