

Minutes of 21 April 2014 Senate Assembly Meeting
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THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
SENATE ASSEMBLY MEETING
21 APRIL 2014

Present: Adler, Adunbi, Alderstein, Baker, Barolo, Biteen, Burrow, Campbell, Cervetti, Custer, Fagerlin, Fenno, Fraser, Garcia, Holland, Hollingsworth, Johnson, Jones, Koopmann, Larsen, Lehman, Lim, Mansfield, Masten, Mondro, Muehlberger, Oey, Prygoski, Rothman, Schloss, Smith, Staller (Chair), Swain, von Buelow, Wright, Ziff

Requested Alternate: Danziger (Social Work), Hayes (LSA), Odetola (Med), Wong (Med)

Absent: Gonzalez, Atchade, Bayraktar, Brown, Bradley, Christman, Cotera, DiPietro, Dolins, Fiore, Friesen, Grosh, Hershovitz, Jacobsen, Katapodi, Kee, Kirshner, Lu, Mitchell, Mora, Mutschler, Nevett, Nielsen, Pandey, Poulsen, Primus, Princen, Raphael, Ro, Ryan, Sarma, Shah, Silveira, Szymanski, Thompson, Trandafirescu, Turnley, Winful, Young

MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED

1. Senate Assembly Agenda
2. Minutes of the 17 March 2014 Senate Assembly meeting
3. Remarks of the outgoing Chair, Professor Karen Staller, dated 21 April 2014
4. Report of the SACUA Task Force on Scholarship, 2013-2014
5. AAAC Statement Regarding the Extension of Mandatory Sexual Harassment Training to All Faculty and Staff, dated 5 April 2014
6. Report of the Committee on University Values, undated
7. Report of the Research Policies Committee, undated
8. Rackham Student Governance Board Resolution W-14-01

SENATE ASSEMBLY

Chair Staller convened the meeting of the Senate Assembly at 3:18 P.M. The proposed agenda was approved.

MINUTES

The draft minutes of 17 March 2014 were approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. DPS Oversight Committee election is ongoing.
2. AEC evaluation results are posted.
3. Fitness for Duty policy consideration will be postponed until Fall

IT STRATEGIES

Chair Staller invited guests J. Hilton, dean of libraries and vice provost for digital information initiatives, and L. Patterson, chief information officer and associate vice president for information and technology services to address the Assembly. Ms. Patterson made some initial remarks with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation (Appendix A). She introduced J. Hilton, who continued the PowerPoint presentation. He reviewed some of the lessons learned from university experience with CTools and Coursera. He discussed the prospect of joining a multi-institutional consortium known as Unizin to support digital learning. He concluded his remarks at 3:40 P.M.

In response to questions from Assembly members, Dr. Hilton expanded his remarks with several additional points.

- Unizin does not currently exist, but probably will become a project within Internet2, a collection of higher education members working in partnership with industry and government.
- Prospective members of Unizin are not finalized, but will probably be ten in number. So far all are public universities, including Florida, Indiana, and three other CIC (Committee for Institutional Cooperation, consisting of the Big10 plus University of Chicago).
- Unizin will select a platform for a digital learning environment; the most likely candidate is the Canvas online learning tool because of its open source code.
- The UM will insist that the platform remains loosely connected with institutional content.
- Decisions originated within the UM IT Council and have been transmitted to the Executive Officers. The proposal is to agree to a 3-year contract at the cost of \$1 million.
- Compliance with ADA is a top consideration.
- Existing support tools like CTools will continue in parallel with experimentation with new platforms.

A member from UM-Dearborn described limitations within Canvas, and suggested that faculty input is needed to select the features of the tool.

The guests left the meeting at 4 P.M.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Assembly received reports from the following committees:

Faculty Perspectives Page (Annette Haines)

Scholarship Task Force (Sherrie Kossoudji): distributed item 4

Academic Affairs Advisory Committee (Mika Lavaque-Monty): distributed items 5 and 8

Student Relations Advisory Committee (David Potter)

University Secretary Advisory Committee (David Potter)

Research Policies Committee (Douglas Richstone): distributed item 7

Government Relations Advisory Committee (Sarah Stoddard)

Committee on University Values (Robin Wilson): distributed item 6

FINAL REMARKS BY THE SENATE ASSEMBLY CHAIR

At 4:52 P.M. Chair Staller delivered final remarks (distributed item 3; Appendix B). The Assembly honored her with a round of applause.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chair-elect Masten praised Chair Staller for her service as chair and invited another round of applause from the Assembly.

NEW BUSINESS

Professor Garcia proposed that SACUA consider recommending mandatory sexual harassment training for all faculty.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:04 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

John T. Lehman
Interim 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.

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The Senate Assembly

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