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THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
SENATE ASSEMBLY MEETING  
19 SEPTEMBER 2011

**Present:** Adlerstein-Gonzalez, Ahbel-Rappe, Armitage, Barald (chair), Bayraktar, Bielinski, Booth, Borer, Carson, Christman, DiPietro, Dorsey, Folger, Friese, Giordani, Goldman, Gumucio, Hollingsworth, Jagadish, Jenckes, Johnson, Kearfott, Koopman, Koopmann, Larsen, Lehman, Lusmann, Mansfield, McCullagh, Miller, Moore, Mora, Muehlberger, Nevett, Odetola, Ortega, Pipe, Poulsen, Prygoski, Rothman, Shah, Shore, Staller, Thompson, Thornton, Westlake, Wolfe, Zengulys

**Requested Alternate, None Available:** Aronoff (Medicine), Barber (Engineering), Beck (Medicine), Davis (Law), Hirshorn (Dearborn), Millunchick (Engineering), Soellner (Pharmacy)

**Alternates:**

**Absent:** Atkins, Boxer, Brown, Crane, Jones, Mars, Nassauer, Nunoo-Quarcoo, Pando Zayas, Schriber, Sharma, Sonnega, Sun, Unnikrishnan, Wong

**MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED**

1. Agenda
2. Minutes of the 25 April 2011 Senate Assembly meeting
3. Flyer announcing the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual University of Michigan Senate's Davis, Markert, Nickerson Lecture on Academic and Intellectual Freedom, featuring Ellen W. Schrecker
4. Proposed 2012 New Senate Assembly Committee Members and Chairs
5. Academic Affairs Advisory Committee of the University of Michigan Annual Report to the Senate Assembly for Academic Year 2010-2011
6. Budget Study Committee 2010-2011 Report
7. Report and Recommendations by the Advisory Task Force on Faculty Involvement in Health Plan Incentives created by the Senate Assembly on 20 September 2010
8. Report of the Student Relations Advisory Committee (SRAC) and the Secretary of the University Advisory Committee given by David Potter, Chair of both committees

Chair Barald convened the meeting at 3:21 P.M. The agenda was approved.

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

The minutes of 25 April 2011 were approved.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Senate Assembly will convene in the Great Lakes Room for subsequent meetings this year.

**WELCOMING REMARKS**

The chair said that faculty governance representatives have a responsibility to represent their constituents but also to communicate effectively with administration and Regents. She said that governance did not fare well in the action taken last year by the Board of Regents to extend

the tenure time clock despite near unanimous opposition by the Senate Assembly. She invited members to contribute suggestions for major issues that faculty governance can engage during the year.

#### UNIVERSITY UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

At 3:40 P.M., Professor Meerkov, chair of the UUSC, introduced student recipients Lama Bandar and David Thompson. He reported the status of the scholarship fund. Students receive \$3000 per year, and two students are currently supported. Currently the fund generates less than \$6000 per year in interest. He encouraged Assembly members to contribute to the fund either directly or through payroll deductions. Both students spoke to the Assembly about their academic progress and the benefits of the scholarship to them.

#### NCAA FACULTY ATHLETICS REPRESENTATIVE (FAR) NOMINATIONS

At 3:50 P.M., the chair invited nominations for FAR from Senate Assembly members. Professor Lehman nominated Professor Charles Koopmann for the position. The chair said that a website would be established by the Senate Office to receive additional nominations.

#### APPROVAL OF NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS

The chair proposed a slate of members for Assembly committees. Professor Lehman asked to withdraw from nomination to chairmanship of the Faculty Perspectives Page Committee to provide other Assembly members an opportunity to serve in that leadership role. The nominations thus amended were approved by Assembly vote.

#### VISIT OF VICE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY OF THE UNIVERSITY SALLY CHURCHILL

The guest joined the meeting at 3:56 P.M. She described her role and function as Secretary of the University, and reviewed the history of the position. She then described the committee structure of the Board of Regents and explained that her office staffs the committee meetings. She enumerated the set of appointments and decisions that must be approved by the Regents.

At 4:15 Secretary Churchill introduced Professor Potter, chair of the University Secretary Advisory Committee. Professor Potter reviewed the activities of the committee during the previous year (see distributed item X). The guests invited questions at 4:20 P.M.

Chair Barald asked whether there were any liaisons between the Regents committee on health issues and other campus committees concerned with retiree health benefits and wellness programs. Secretary Churchill replied that the committee has existed only since January, and has been engaging primarily with health care reform, and has not engaged with the issues described by the chair.

The guests left the meeting at 4:25 P.M.

#### VISIT OF VICE PRESIDENT FOR RESEARCH STEPHEN FORREST

The chair introduced the vice president for research at 4:25 P.M. The vice president made a report illustrated by a PowerPoint presentation. He described the research enterprise as the third highest enterprise at the U-M, after the Health System and Education. He added that research

is increasing its market share. He warned, however, that the financial growth forecast for world markets is worrisome. He said that he anticipated significant budget cuts across all federal agencies in FY 2012 and beyond. He concluded his prepared remarks at 4:50 P.M. and invited questions.

The vice president pointed out that each time the Health Center has opened a new building, research revenues have grown. He said that he expected the same to happen with the North Campus Research Center. He added that the NCRC houses the venture accelerator and Business Engagement Center in hopes of increasing engagement with private businesses and faculty startups.

Chair Barald noted that NIH has proposed limiting faculty salaries on grants to 40% of total, and to restrict total awards to three per investigator. The vice president replied that the U-M has its own budget advocates in Washington, and that one concern is the number of unfunded mandates thrust on faculty by regulations. He remarked that one of his challenges is to increase the administrative efficiency of the U-M in removing obstacles to faculty research funding efforts.

The guest left the meeting at 5:04 P.M.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chair Barald reported that she had transmitted Senate Assembly Action 042511-1 to the office of the provost in May, but has received no response.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

John T. Lehman  
Senate Secretary

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#### **University of Michigan Bylaws of the Board of Regents, Sec. 5.02:**

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