

Minutes of September 20, 2010
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UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN SENATE ASSEMBLY MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the University of Michigan Faculty Senate Assembly was held on Monday September 20, 2010, at 3:19 p.m., in the Forum Hall of Palmer Commons, the Chair being at the podium and the Secretary being present.

Professor John Layman moved to approve the agenda with the election of a parliamentarian as the first item. Motion did not carry.

Professor Kearfott moved to approve the agenda. The agenda was approved.

At 3:32, the Chair made the following announcements:

- Academic Freedom Lecture (Michael Olivas) and University Senate Meeting – October 11
- Senate Assembly Meeting and Regent Candidates' Forum – October 25
- Grievance Policy Revision Status Update
- Continuous Enrollment Task Force
- Faculty Salary Structure Plan Task Force
- Life-Long Faculty Engagement White Paper
- Draft Uniform Committee Charge Template

The minutes of the last meeting were included in the handouts and Professor Goldman moved to approve. The approval of the minutes was postponed. There was a challenge as to the existence of a quorum for the May meeting.

Chair Rothman asked for input to the proposal of the Life-Long Faculty Engagement to be sent to Tom Schneider. Professor Layman asked the Human Resources report be made available to Assembly members. The report provided demographics about eligibility of faculty retirement within the next five years. Professor Goldman raised the concern that retiring tenure track faculty be replaced with tenure track faculty members.

ACTION OF THE SENATE ASSEMBLY 092010-1

At 4:04, Professor Poe moved the Approval of Committee Member Replacements. The motion was adopted unanimously.

At 4:05, Chair Rothman proposed the Creation of an Advisory Task Force on Faculty Involvement in Health Plan Incentives with the Possible Charge: 1) To identify principles to guide the University's use of incentives in the management of health costs, and 2) to develop examples and possible options for the implementation of these incentives. The Chair asked that nominees be sent to Tom Schneider. Concern was raised about the lack of openness of the Human Resource committee set up to assess initiative for healthy behavior. Professor Poe moved to form the task force. The motion was approved.

ACTION OF THE SEANATE ASSEMBLY 092910-2

Professor Lehman moved for the assembly to reserve to itself the right to issue its report in early 2011 and that, prior to the release of that report, it calls upon the administrative committee to release all material used in its deliberations to the task force. Further, it calls upon the administration to make no decisions until the deliberations of the task force have been concluded. The motion was approved.

At 4:27, Professor Ed Goldman spoke about the Developments in Stem Cell Research since the plebiscite of 2008. Derivation of a stem cell line has not been allowed for many years. Judge Royce Lambert of the Washington, D.C. circuit has interpreted the Dickey-Wickert amendment to disallow federal funding for research on currently allowed stem cell lines post derivation. The NIH was instructed to stop its \$400 million in funding as a preliminary injunction. A three-panel court is deciding whether to continue the stay and should make a determination by the end of the week. The Michigan legislature is also attempting to attach a rider to the education appropriations budget that would place state barriers in the way of embryonic stem cell research. At least \$9 million of federal funding at the UM is at risk.

At 4:40, Royster Harper, Vice President for Student Affairs, Loren Rullman, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs, and Linda Newman, Director

of University Housing provided the assembly an Update on University Housing.

With the overload of undergraduate students, Linda Newmann spoke about how they are housing the increase. UM matriculated 390 more undergraduate students than last year. Current undergraduate population is 9,740.

Oxford Housing that had been used for offices were returned to the original use, opening 60 beds. Lounges in dormitories are in use. Most significantly housing created an intentional first year community of apartment suites in the Northwood Houses, previously apartments for older students. Every first year student who applied for housing has been placed.

Question whether they were placing three to a room planned for two (as they had in the 1980's and before): no.

Loren Rullman said that North Campus recreational facilities have returned to their normal hours; they had been reduced in the summer. He will respond whether the hours can be increased to deal with the additional first year students.

4:55 Old or New Business

ACTION OF THE SEANATE ASSEMBLY 092910-3

Professor Lehman moved the continuous enrollment action from the May meeting (051710-1). The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 4:57.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Robert Fraser
Interim Secretary

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