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MINUTES OF THE SACUA MEETING OF 10 JANUARY 2010

Present: Professors Barald (3:55), Goldman, Kearfott, Lehman, Lusmann, Navvab, Poe (Vice Chair), Rothman (Chair); Fraser (Secretary); Carr, Schneider

Absent: Professor Frost.

Guests

President Mary Sue Coleman
Professor Reuven Avi-Yonah, Chair, Tenure Committee
John L. King, Associate Provost for Strategy
Jamie Iseler, *the Record* and *The Record Update*
Kaitlin Williams, *Michigan Daily*
David Jesse, *AnnArbor.com*

Materials Distributed

Draft minutes of the 20 December 2010 meeting
Draft agenda for the 24 January Senate Assembly meeting
[Senate Assembly resolution of 31 October 2005 on flexible tenure.](#)
[Guidelines regarding University of Michigan policies that govern time to tenure review \("Tenure clock"\) and related reviews \(Ann Arbor campus only\).](#)
Office of the Provost 20 April 2005.
[Toward a definition of tenure](#), SACUA subcommittee on tenure, 17 November 1994.
[Bylaws of the Board of Regents of the University of Michigan, Chapter V. The Faculties and Academic Staff.](#)
[1940 statement of principles on academic freedom and tenure with 1970 interpretive comments, the American Association of University Professors.](#)

The regular meeting of the Senate Advisory Committee on University Affairs met on the tenth day of January 2011 in the Regents Room of the Fleming Building,

the chair being at the podium and the secretary being present, was convened at 3:20.

3:20 Call to Order

3:20 Guest

President Mary Sue Coleman

One of our students was named Entrepreneur of the Year by Entrepreneur magazine.

Two significant architecture awards:

AIA award for the museum addition

Award for the best stadium renovation.

We know nothing yet about the state budget. Governor will make state of the state address 19 January and we expect “shared sacrifice” with details filled in probably by early February. The general fund contributes about 21% of the Ann Arbor campus costs and 24% for the regional campuses; this is the lowest three of the State of Michigan campus awards.

Working with national universities to draw together responses to how research universities can most align their research with commercial innovations and business engagement.

No news about the football coach.

Discussion ensued regarding the early successes of the focus on business engagement at the NCRC. Have been doing a cost analysis of the NCRC space. The President talked about the University of San Francisco and how they developed a similar space, although just 40 acres compared with our 176 for the NCRC.

We brought up the obverse perspective of having industry bring their practical problems and issues to the University in addition to the current basic research to practical application model. The President talked about how to work with industry at the pre-competitive space, making the research available openly to industry without tying up all the intellectual property rights for only one company in advance. Semitec is an exemplar 25 years old.

We brought up the proposal to identify faculty members who could sell the University to the new legislature.

We brought up example of cross-company collaborations that could be an incubator for the cooperation in the pre-competitive space. The president talked about the American Academy of Arts and Sciences (on which she serves) as a venue for developing ideas that could plant seeds for this approach. We certainly need to emphasize that our research is intended to help society, that it is not an end in itself. This is how the faculty themselves can be the most articulate proponents of their work with the new legislature.

We suggested that faculty members are expert in offering symposia. If these were open to key industry players as well as faculty players, it might seed the type of collaboration needed. [Kate Barald later noted that this end is to be

approached by the Biointerfaces Symposium to be held at NCRC May 20-21; it is funded by the OVPR, The Medical School and the College of Engineering.]

3:48 Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Professor Navvab moved to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Provost Lehman moved to approve the minutes with modifications. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

3:45 Announcements

President Mary Sue Coleman meeting, 25 January (Tuesday) at 3:00.
(The chair with Bob Fraser)

Provost Phil Hanlon meeting, 27 January (Thursday) at 9:30. (The chair with Rachel Goldman)

Regents' Update due by 4 February (Friday) at 10:00.

3:50 Committee Liaison Reports

Academic affairs: The draft report on evaluations is being developed.

Budget study: Requests for information from Jeff Frumkin have yet been fulfilled.

Civil liberties met when the liaison was out of town.

Government relations. The committee toured the NCRC. They also met with two members of the state legislature. With the shift of power in the house and the governor's chair, there is hope that there will be less gridlock. They discussed the idea of loan forgiveness for students that stay in the state. Ken Nisbett of tech transfer talked about the average of ten startups through the University each year.

RPC will meet tomorrow afternoon.

The secretary of the University advisory committee will meet this Friday to discuss bullying and mobbing.

AEC has more issues to resolve and will begin its winter meetings this coming Tuesday. The committee has received requests from non-tenure track faculty to be included in the survey.

Medical affairs committee did not meet because of the accidental death of Ora Pescowitz's spouse, Dr. Mark Pescovitz, M.D. of the University of Indiana School of Medicine.

The student relations advisory committee met and discussed the housing situation on 10 December following a presentation. The suggestion was made that the faculty of the life-long engagement might be involved in the enriched

The general counsel advisory committee talked about the copyright policy, the faculty disciplinary policy and procedures, and the issue of trespass. The minutes of that meeting have yet to be published. The president has asked the General Counsel to look at the whole issue of trespass. The committees to investigate this have yet to be formed. Faculty governance will continue to monitor and participate in the response to trespass procedures and policy.

4:18 Approval of Senate Assembly Agenda

Professor Poe moved to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded and approved.

4:19 Unfinished Business. None.

4:19 New Business. None.

4:19 SACUA entered Executive Session

5:00 SACUA exited executive session

Action 011011-1

At 5:00, Professor Lehman moved that SACUA put before Senate Assembly a resolution that, at the University of Michigan, only tenure track faculty as a body are eligible to make the final decisions of the faculty in matters involving tenure including, but not limited to, the tenure process described in Regents Bylaw 5.09 and its procedures, as well as individual decisions to grant tenure. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Action 011011-2

Professor Lehman moved that SACUA put before Senate Assembly a resolution to re-affirm its action of 2005 (item 103105-02) in opposing any change to Regents Bylaw to extend the maximum tenure period from eight to ten years. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

5:00 Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

M. Robert Fraser
SACUA Secretary