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MINUTES OF THE SACUA MEETING OF 11 JANUARY 2010

Present: Fraser, Frost, Lehman, Navvab, Rothman, Stark, Thouless (chair), Tzeng; Schneider, Carr

Absent: Poe

Guests: U-M Daily reporter, University Record reporter, M.J. Frank (U-M News and Information), C. Whitman (office of provost), D. Little (Chancellor-Dearborn)

MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED

1. Proposed agenda
2. Draft minutes of 14 December 2009
3. Faculty Grievance Process: SACUA response, dated December 2009
4. Statement on Academic Freedom
5. Memorandum to SACUA from U-M Dearborn

Chair Thouless convened the meeting at 3:05 P.M. The draft agenda was approved.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of 14 December 2009 were corrected and approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The Provost will leave the U-M to accept the position of president of the University of Virginia Charlottesville on August 1.
2. Former president Fleming died this morning.
3. No SACUA member raised objections to the proposed revision of the SPG about emeritus titles, and so the chair will reply that it is acceptable.
4. Laurita Thomas has transmitted to SACUA the weighting used for benefits comparisons with peer institutions.

5. SACUA's meeting with the Flint chancellor has been re-scheduled to 5 April.
 6. Suggestions for honorary degrees are due by 15 April 2010.
 7. SACUA will meet in executive session on Tuesday at 3:30 P.M.
 8. An anonymous benefactor has donated \$110,000 to the Academic Freedom Lecture Fund.
- SACUA members proposed the following action:

ACTION OF SACUA 011110-1

On behalf of the faculty, SACUA expresses its gratitude to the generous anonymous benefactor who donated \$110,000 in support of the Davis-Markert-Nickerson Academic Freedom Lecture Fund.

The action was approved by unanimous vote.

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES RESPONSE

SACUA reviewed and made editorial correction to a draft response to the proposed revision to Faculty Grievance Procedures (distributed item 3). The revised document was approved unanimously for transmittal to the provost.

VISIT OF DEARBORN CHANCELLOR LITTLE

The guest arrived at 4:00 P.M. The chancellor explained that the only official reporting relationship between Ann Arbor and Dearborn campuses is through his communication with the president. In addition, in major financial decisions, he has to coordinate with the U-M chief financial officer, T. Slottow. He described the unique regional focus of activities at UM-Dearborn. He said that UM-Dearborn campus benefits from purchasing agreements negotiated by Ann Arbor, and that the Office of General Counsel serves all three campuses.

Chair Thouless pointed out that there are a series of intersections of authority between the Ann Arbor and Dearborn campuses. For example, the vice president for research must approve all promotions within the research scientist track, and UM-Dearborn awards some graduate degrees through Rackham.

The chancellor said that he is in discussion with faculty governance at Dearborn regarding the second edition of "Principles of Faculty Involvement in Institutional and Academic Unit Governance at the University of Michigan" and will likely endorse it, as he endorsed the first edition of the same document.

The chancellor stated that Dearborn typically has about half of its students graduate in 6 years. However, he noted that the National Student Clearinghouse data set shows for their 2001 cohort that whereas half graduated in 6 years, another quarter or so graduated from college elsewhere, and that an additional number are still enrolled. He said that the cumulative graduation rate is in the mid-range for the national data set.

The chancellor says that he maintains a consultative relationship with faculty governance at Dearborn. He said that he would not automatically endorse the proposition that vice-chancellors should have faculty advisory committees analogous to vice presidents in Ann Arbor.

The guest left the meeting at 5:00 P.M.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

There was no other business.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

John T. Lehman
Senate Secretary

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