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MINUTES OF THE SACUA MEETING OF 18 JANUARY 2010

Present: Lehman, Navvab, Poe, Stark, Thouless (chair); Schneider, Carr

Absent: Fraser, Frost, Rothman

Guests: *U-M Daily* reporter, *Record* reporter, J. King (provost's office)

MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED

1. Proposed agenda
2. Draft minutes of 11 January 2010
3. Draft minutes of 12 January 2010
4. Draft Senate Assembly agenda
5. SACUA nominating committee ballot
6. Grievance process flowchart
7. Statement on Academic Freedom (electronic document http://www.umich.edu/~sacua/sacua/01-13-10_Academic-Freedom.pdf).

Chair Thouless convened the meeting at 3:20 P.M. The draft agenda was approved.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of 11 and 12 January 2010 were corrected and approved.

MATTERS ARISING

1. There has been no response yet to the letter from SACUA responding to the provost regarding grievance procedures.
2. A letter of thanks has been transmitted to the office of provost in response to the generous anonymous donation to the Academic Freedom Lecture Fund.
3. The chair has transmitted a message indicating that proposed changes to Faculty Emeritus titles are acceptable.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Professor Tzeng announced her resignation from SACUA effective 13 January 2010.
2. SACUA should decide if it wants to purchase football tickets and make a donation to the Victors Club for the 2010 season. The chair has been informed by SACUA staff that an allocation was added to the base SACUA budget some years ago for the purpose of purchasing football tickets. Consideration of this issue will be postponed until additional members are present, but tentatively, the office will purchase the tickets by the deadline this Wednesday and retain options.
3. Professor Frier will deliver his Distinguished Professor lecture on 25 February at 4 P.M. in the Rackham Auditorium.

ACADEMIC FREEDOM STATEMENT

ACTION OF SACUA 011810-1

Professor Poe moved (Navvab and Stark seconded) to adopt the distributed Statement on Academic Freedom (item 7).

The action was approved by unanimous vote.

SENATE ASSEMBLY AGENDA

The draft agenda was adopted with addition of a resolution by SACUA proposing that the Senate Assembly adopts the Statement on Academic Freedom as distributed (distributed item 7).

GRIEVANCE PROCESS FLOWCHART

SACUA reviewed a draft flowchart (distributed item 6) and made multiple suggestions for revision.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting entered executive session at 4 P.M. to discuss the open seat on SACUA and to receive a progress report from the Faculty Hearing Committee. The meeting resumed open session at 5:35 P.M.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

There was no other business.

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

John T. Lehman

Senate Secretary

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