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MINUTES OF THE SACUA MEETING OF 24 JANUARY 2004

PRESENT: Berent (Chair), Combi, Giordani, Gull, Lehman, Meerkov, Pedraza, Zorn; Leu, Loup, Schneider

ABSENT: Ensminger

GUESTS:

MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED

1. Proposed agenda.
2. Flexible Tenure Clock Committee Membership List
3. SACUA Chair/Vice Chair Election Issues/Topics/Options
4. Memo to Stanley Berent from John Riebesell dated 21 January 2005 regarding Chair and Vice Chair Election
5. Memo to Stanley Berent from John Riebesell dated 21 January 2005 regarding SACUA Chair Consecutive Reelection
6. Memo to Stanley Berent from John Riebesell dated 22 November 2004 regarding SACUA Question to Rules Committee on Possible 4th Year on SACUA for Chair
7. Memo to Stanley Berent from John Riebesell dated 8 December 2004 regarding SACUA Apportionment
8. Draft criteria list regarding when Central Faculty Governance (SACUA and its Senate Assembly Committees) should be notified and involved at an early stage in the process of planning and implementation
9. Electronic mail messages from Michael Combi (14 January 2005) and Silvia Pedraza (11 January 2005) regarding SACUA Governance Criteria
10. Track Changes version of SACUA Governance Criteria
11. Shared governance memo to SACUA from Stan Berent dated 14 December 2004
12. Shared Government Initiative (SGI) Proposal by Professor Meerkov
13. The University of Michigan Rules of the University Senate, the Senate Assembly and the Senate Advisory Committee on University Affairs, April 1997
14. Senate Advisory Committee on University Affairs (SACUA) Election Procedures Guidelines approved by Senate Assembly 16 February 2004

Chair Berent called the meeting to order at 12:20 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPDATES

1. Chair Berent requested any responses to the draft governance document be sent to him.
2. Chair Berent also requested any responses to the document on academic integrity from the Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics (COIA). He believes the recommendations in this report will affect a significant number of the University's students and faculty. He will be responding to the document within the next month and requested guidance. The final document will be sent to the NCAA.
3. Chair Berent announced the appointments of Professor Ken Adams and Professor Richard Gull to the Provost's Flexible Tenure Clock Committee.
4. Chair Berent spoke recently to the Medical School faculty and emphasized the importance of faculty becoming involved in central faculty governance. The issue of representation in faculty governance for Clinical Faculty arose as a result of this meeting. Chair Berent suggested this lack of representation needs to be addressed. Originally Clinical Faculty were to provide specifically-defined services, but the role is changing and sometimes it is hard to distinguish them from tenure-track faculty. Professor Meerkov indicated that the Rules Committee discussed this topic recently and a proposal is being developed. Professor Giordani pointed out the topic was on the Academic Affairs Advisory Committee last year, but other issues overtook it. He would like AAAC to address this as soon as possible. Professor Pedraza also pointed out that this issued received a high rating on last year's faculty survey.

TIMING OF SACUA CHAIR/VICE CHAIR ELECTION

Discussion begun at the January 10th meeting continued.

ACTION OF SACUA 012405-1 Professor Meerkov moved that SACUA members elect the chair and vice chair at the first SACUA meeting after 1 May, with new and continuing SACUA members eligible to run and vote. A chair pro tempore would preside until the new chair is elected. Professor Gull seconded the motion.

Discussion of the motion included comments related to new members not currently having a voice in the selection of the chair, the value of the experience of the retiring members, and questions concerning the difficulties a new chair might or might not have in negotiating release time.

Vote on the motion:

Approve: 2

Disapprove: 3

Abstain: 0

The motion failed.

ACTION OF SACUA 012405-2 Professor Pedraza moved that the election be organized to elect a vice-chair/chair-elect. Professor Giordani seconded the motion. This motion was tabled.

Professor Lehman arrived at 1:40 p.m. Learning that Professor Meerkov's motion had been defeated, he requested another vote.

Second vote on the motion (012405-1):

Approve: 3

Disapprove: 4

Abstain: 0

The motion failed.

ACTION OF SACUA 012405-3

Professor Lehman moved any action on the mechanics of the election of the chair and vice chair of SACUA be postponed until guidance from the Senate Assembly is received. Professor Meerkov seconded the motion.

Vote on the motion:

Approve: 2

Disapprove: 4

Abstain: 0

The motion failed.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Loup
SACUA Staff

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