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MINUTES OF THE SACUA MEETING OF FEBRUARY 4, 2013

Present: K. Barald, K. Kearfott (Chair), R. Holland, C. Koopmann, F. Larsen, J. Lehman (Senate Secretary), S. Masten, S. Oey, K. Staller (Vice Chair), R. Ziff (alternate for R. Goldman); L. Carr, T. Schneider

Absent: R. Goldman

Guest: Tim Lynch, General Counsel

Press: Peter Shahin - Michigan Daily; Jamie Iseler -University Record; Kellie Woodhouse- Ann Arbor.com

MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED

1. Draft SACUA agenda for February 4, 2013
2. Draft of SACUA minutes dated January 14, 2013
3. Draft of general administration questions drawn up by AEC
4. Email from K. Kearfott dated January 31, 2013, regarding university-wide "theme semester" suggestion.
5. Charge document for MHealthy Advisory Committee, dated February 2012
6. Letter from Lisa Connolly requesting nominations for the Honorary Degree Committee dated January 22, 2012

The meeting was convened by Chair Kearfott at 3:17 pm.

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

The agenda of February 4, 2013 was approved.

GUEST ARRIVED

Tim Lynch, General Counsel, arrived. Introductions were made. T. Lynch was asked questions so that SACUA could become more familiar with his viewpoint on a number of issues:

- What challenges he sees for his position and the University.
- Where his duties lie.
- Who the University is.
- Where the faculty weigh in.

T. Lynch explained that he (and his office) gives legal advice regardless of who is asking. He thinks about the broader issues. Any decisions regarding risk and the use of resources are made by the EO's as a group.

Guest left at 4:01 pm.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of January 14, 2013, were approved.

AEC GENERAL ADMINISTRATION QUESTIONS

There was a discussion of the questions as written led by J. Lehman, Chair of the AEC.

MOTION 020412

Motion made by Rex Holland and seconded by Scott Masten to accept the questions as written with the addition of Sally Oey's question, "Faculty are being adequately consulted on the University's exploration of courses that are taught primarily on line".

Motion carried with eight yeas and one abstention.

CLIMATE CHANGE SEMESTER

Short discussion regarding a University-wide theme semester on climate change. Chair Kearfott will respond to the author of the email that suggested the idea.

SENATE ASSEMBLY APPORTIONMENT

According to J. Lehman, Senate Secretary, the number of librarians has increased dramatically due to reclassification of the position. They may take one seat from another unit. J. Lehman will try to complete the calculation for the February Senate Assembly meeting, but will definitely have a number for the March Senate Assembly meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Due to continuing SACUA memberships, for diversity requirements, no Social Work, Dentistry or Business faculty may be elected to SACUA this year.

EXECUTIVE SESSION entered at 4:35 pm – Committee memberships

EXECUTIVE SESSION ended at 4:42 pm

The meeting was adjourned at 4:43.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Carr
SACUA Office Staff

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