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MINUTES OF THE SACUA MEETING OF 8 FEBRUARY 2010

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

Absent: Fraser, Poe

Guests: *U-M Daily* reporters, *Record* reporter, K. Gibbons (provost's office), C. Whitman (provost's office), M. J. Frank (UM News and Information), D. Smith, P. Hollingsworth (chair of University Secretary Advisory Committee)

MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED

1. Proposed agenda
2. Draft minutes of 1 February 2010
3. Procedures for the nomination and election of the Senate representative to the University of Michigan Department of Public Safety Oversight Committee.

Chair Thouless convened the meeting at 3:28 P.M. The draft agenda was approved.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of 1 February 2010 were corrected and approved.

MATTERS ARISING

1. A request for volunteers to serve on the Honorary Degree Nomination Committee has been sent to the Senate.
2. DPS Oversight Committee procedures have been finalized by the CFO.
3. No response has been received from the provost's office to SACUA's letter regarding grievance procedure reform.

LIAISON REPORTS

Financial Affairs- Professor Rothman reported that the committee has been considering cost saving measures with particular focus on computing costs, for which the total U-M expenses are estimated as \$300 million per year. Target savings are ca. \$100 million. Shared resources are a focus. Primary savings have been with respect to equipment.

Retirement Benefits- Professor Rothman says he has been sworn to secrecy regarding the deliberations of this committee.

Government Relations- Professor Lusmann reported that the committee discussed the State of the State address and proposals for cost savings.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting entered executive session at 3:30 P.M. to discuss preliminary findings from the Faculty Hearing Committee. The meeting resumed open session at 4:20 P.M.

VISIT OF VICE PRESIDENT AND UNIVERSITY SECRETARY

The guest joined the meeting at 4:22 P.M. VP Churchill said that her advisory committee has been meeting monthly and has discussed potential revisions to Regental Bylaws regarding the Advisory Board on Intercollegiate Athletics and Recreational Sports. She added that her committee has also discussed potential changes to the Student Code. Dr. Hollingsworth remarked that extensive minutes of the committee meetings are posted on the Secretary's website. The vice president pointed out that there are three classes of policy documents: Regents' Bylaws, Regents' Ordinance, and assorted policy statements. For example, the campus no smoking restriction is currently only a policy statement.

The vice president said that henceforth when the Regents meet in Ann Arbor, a seat will be reserved for a SACUA representative. The guest left the meeting at 4:50 P.M.

DPS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE FACULTY MEMBER ELECTION PROCEDURES

ACTION OF SACUA 020810-1

SACUA adopts distributed item 3 with addition of the statement:

SACUA delegates to the Senate Secretary full authority to resolve any issues arising during the election process.

The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Dr. D. Smith spoke at the invitation of SACUA. He said that it was unwise to separate the faculty representation on the committee into Senate members and non-Senate members. Chair Thouless pointed out that he had originally proposed to Human Resources that SACUA should run the election for both faculty members. However, objection was raised on the basis that there were

faculty members not represented by the Senate. In response, Human Resources restructured the representation model.

Chair Thouless named Professor Lusmann as chair of the DPS Oversight nominating committee. Members chosen by lot as regular members were Professors Poe and Rothman.

The meeting adjourned at 5:52 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

John T. Lehman
Senate Secretary

University of Michigan Bylaws of the Board of Regents, Sec. 5.02:

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In each school, college, or degree granting division of the University, including those at the University of Michigan-Dearborn and at the University of Michigan-Flint, the governing faculty shall be in charge of the affairs of the school, college, or division, except as delegated to the executive committee, if any, and except that in the School of Graduate Studies the governing board shall be the executive board, and in the Medical School shall be the executive faculty.