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MINUTES OF THE SACUA MEETING OF FEBRUARY 25, 2013

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

Absent: K. Barald

Guests: Mary Sue Coleman, President; Phil Hanlon, Provost; and Stephanie Riegle, Chief of Staff Provost's Office

Press: Jamie Iseler -University Record

MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED

1. Draft SACUA agenda for February 25, 2013
2. Draft of SACUA minutes dated February 11, 2013
3. Draft of Senate Assembly agenda for February 18, 2013
4. Memo from Phil Hanlon to Kim Kearfott, Chair of SACUA, regarding the Faculty Ombuds Position, dated February 20, 2013

The meeting was convened by Chair Kearfott.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The election for the 2013-2014 academic year SACUA Chair and Vice-Chair will be held at the March 25, 2013 SACUA meeting.
2. The election for the 2013-2014 academic year new SACUA members will be held at the March 18, 2013 Senate Assembly meeting.

The draft Senate and Senate Assembly agenda was reviewed. Chair Kearfott asked for permission to add another speaker regarding under-represented minorities and affordability.

Chair Kearfott stated that care will be taken in announcing the Senate meeting so that it is understood that the meeting is longer than one-half hour. The Senate and Senate Assembly

agenda was approved.

The duties and posting of the central faculty ombuds position was discussed.

President Coleman arrived at 3:25 pm. She began with a number of topics:

1. The LEAD (Leadership Excellence Achievement Diversity) program and its success.

Provost Hanlon and Stephanie Riegler arrived at 3:30 pm.

President Coleman continued with her topics:

2. "Business Leaders of Michigan". Scott Masten mentioned that he had sent the link for this group in the previous week.
3. State Budget – She'll be going to Lansing tomorrow to discuss the State budget as it relates to the University.
4. Research Corridor – The three universities do an annual economic impact study.
5. Alumni Survey – All alum will receive a survey as to how education impacted their careers.
6. Collaboration of physicians and engineers relating to auto safety.

Provost Hanlon agreed with statement made by President Coleman that Michigan wants to teach students to think.

S. Oey asked if the Business Leaders in Michigan group are influential. President Coleman stated that the group wants the state to allocate another \$1B in support of education. Provost Hanlon pointed out that State funding has increased over the last two years.

President Coleman left at 4:00 pm.

Provost Hanlon discussed:

1. The topic of the anticipated Federal sequestration and how it might impact Michigan.
2. The current season of faculty recruitment and retention.
3. On-line courses and how it would profoundly change the way Michigan teaches.
4. On-line courses and possible business models to be used.

He announced that Martha Pollack will be his successor and that Terry McDonald (current Dean of LSA) will be the head of the Bentley Library.

Provost Hanlon left at 4:30 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Ombuds nominations.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Carr
SACUA Office Staff

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“... [t]he senate is authorized to consider any subject pertaining to the interests of the university, and to make recommendations to the Board of Regents in regard thereto. Decisions of the University Senate with respect to matters within its jurisdiction shall constitute the binding action of the university faculties. Jurisdiction over academic polices shall reside in the faculties of the various schools and colleges, but insofar as actions by the several faculties affect university policy as a whole, or schools and colleges other than the one in which they originate, they shall be brought before the University Senate.”