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Present: Holland, Koopmann, Larsen, Masten, Mondro, Oey, Staller (chair), Ziff, Lehman; Schneider, Snyder

Absent: none

Guests: *Record* reporter, *Daily* reporter, Provost M. Pollack

MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED

1. Draft agenda
2. Draft minutes of 24 February 2014
3. Annotated draft account of SACUA's visit with the provost on 24 February 2014
4. Draft agendas for Senate and Senate Assembly meetings
5. Draft ballot for SACUA member election
6. Draft ballot for Senate Secretary election
7. Procedures for the nomination and election of the Senate representative to the University of Michigan Department of Public Safety Oversight Committee
8. Draft model grievance policy report

Chair Staller convened the meeting at 3:15 P.M. The draft agenda was approved.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of 24 February 2014 were corrected and approved with amendments submitted by the provost (distributed item 3).

Announcements-

1. Election of 2014-15 SACUA officers will occur on 24 March 2014.
2. The provost will visit with SACUA on 24 March 2014
3. Regent Bernstein will visit with SACUA on 7 April 2014
4. Regent Darlow will visit with SACUA on 14 April 2014
5. A pilot email has been sent to SACUA to test distribution of an electronic newsletter, and to prompt responses and feedback

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting entered executive session at 3:30 P.M. to receive confidential information from the provost. The meeting resumed open session at 3:45 P.M.

DPS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ELECTION

Chair Staller called attention to distributed item 7. She suggested that SACUA review the election rules with the aim of simplifying and streamlining them. Secretary Lehman pointed out that the complexity traces to the requirements of State statutes governing the constitution of public oversight bodies for police forces. He said that he could solicit nominations from the Ann Arbor members of the University Senate by the end of the week. SACUA agreed to the proposal.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting entered executive session at 4:03 P.M. Topics included (1) discussion of candidates for Senate Secretary, (2) scheduling for the University Senate meeting, (3) an upcoming meeting with the president-elect, (4) nominations for honorary degree selection committee, and (5) draft model grievance policy report (distributed item 8). The meeting resumed open session at 5:05 P.M.

DRAFT SENATE AND SENATE ASSEMBLY AGENDAS

SACUA approved a revision of draft agendas (distributed item 4).

The meeting was adjourned at 5:07 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

John T. Lehman
Senate Secretary

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

Governing Bodies in Schools and Colleges

Sec. 4.01 The University Senate

"...[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 policies 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."

Rules of the University Senate, the Senate Assembly and the Senate Advisory Committee on University Affairs:

Senate: "In all cases not covered by rules adopted by the Senate, the procedure in Robert's Rules of Order shall be followed."

Assembly: "The Assembly may adopt rules for the transaction of its business. In appropriate cases not covered by rules of the Assembly, the rules of the University Senate shall apply."

SACUA: "The committee may adopt rules for the transaction of its business."

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