MINUTES OF SACUA MEETING OF 11 MARCH 1991


Absent: Diana; Schwartz

MINUTES

The minutes of 4 March 1991 meeting were approved as corrected.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rosenthal received from Chandler Davis a copy of his article in "The Nation" on his prison experiences. Copies were distributed to SACUA; the original has been placed in the Bentley Historical Library.

RESOLUTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION SUBCOMMITTEE ISSUE

Rosenthal reviewed a document which she and Diann had drafted which outlined the functions and composition of such a committee. The current Chair of Financial Affairs Advisory Committee (FAAC) commented on this draft to the effect that the subcommittee should not be too large or that its responsibilities be too rigidly defined. SACUA agreed with his views but believes that a student representative should remain on the subcommittee. A change in the letter recommending the establishment of this subcommittee will reflect the SACUA discussion; and the SACUA Chair, Hollingsworth, will coordinate with Robert Savit, Chair, FAAC.

EVALUATION PROCEDURES FOR EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND DEANS

This topic was discussed with the conclusion that it should be pursued in the interests of the University. Accordingly, the matter will be placed as an item on the next meeting's agenda with Provost Whitaker. It is hoped that the conversation will point to a constructive way to proceed.

ACADEMIC FREEDOM LECTURE FUND

A letter regarding the Fund will be sent to all Senate members, and flyers will be distributed at the March Senate Assembly meeting.
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THE FUTURE ROLE OF BPC

The letter written by Professor Bradford Perkins will serve as the basis for a discussion between SACUA and the Provost at their next meeting about the perceived areas of dispute.

MATTERS ARISING

Hullingsworth received several suggestions from SACUA of persons qualified and possibly willing to participate on the three panels that will review the various missions of ITD.

The election of SACUA officers has been postponed to April 1.

April 8th, 9:00 - 5:00 p.m., and April 12th, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m., have been reserved for committee appointments. Penchansky suggested that each SACUA member bring to the meeting five nominations of faculty members with stature in their disciplines.

RETREAT WITH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

The manner by which a summary of the retreat’s conclusions would be disseminated was established: each reporter will include a short series of items on the appropriate topic that needs to be clarified or investigated as the budget process proceeds. These items will be gathered together by Hullingsworth and included in a short statement of overview and summary.

AGENDA FOR MEETING WITH PRESIDENT DUDERSTADT ON MARCH 25 AT 3:00 P.M.

See enclosure, item #4 on SACUA agenda for March 18.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT POLICY

SACUA is concerned that it will not receive a draft of the new policy in time to have a significant discussion prior to the 18 March ’91 meeting of the Senate Assembly. Such an eventuality could hamper an incisive discussion of the issues at that meeting and ill-prepare the Assembly members for a vote at the April meeting.

BOARD FOR STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Noah Finkel and the current editor of the Daily will be invited to a future SACUA meeting to air their views. Opinions from Walter Harrison and some of the members of the current Board should also be garnered so that some of the issues can be meaningfully explored.

NEW BUSINESS

A letter has been received from a faculty member at the University of Wisconsin concerning the Department of Defense rules on homosexual persons in the R.O.T.C. A reply will be sent once the recommendations of the Civil Liberties Board and the Military Officer Education Program Committee have been discussed.
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter Debler
Senate Secretary, Pro Tempore

APPENDIX

LIAISON REPORTS

Rosenthal: The Medical Affairs Advisory Committee (MAAC) meeting of February 15, 1991, was devoted entirely to a presentation and discussion of the Substance Abuse Task Force with Dr. Fred Glazer. Some of the major points he made include the following: 1) Most of the problem is with student "binge" drinking, although there is some faculty/staff substance abuse as well. This is an old problem in the U community. 2) Faculty/staff usually have access to insurance which may cover the cost of treatment programs; this is not the case for students, and the student health center hasn't the resources to deal with such problems. There are no mechanisms to identify, evaluate, and refer students. 3) As the Task Force was working, the national government mandate was released requiring Universities to establish policies against illicit use of drugs and alcohol. Task Force recommendations will encompass and go beyond the mandate. 4) Questions of prohibition were discussed; the Task Force feels that is a poor approach because it encourages breaking the law and discourages discussion and individual confrontation with the problem. It is better to work in a preventive mode like the anti-smoking campaigns. 5) Glazer described primary and secondary prevention and the importance of matching the individual and the appropriate treatment program. While a university-wide policy will be recommended, each unit will be encouraged to make their own policy. Perhaps various student organizations can help reach the student body. The MAAC expressed support for the Task Force recommendations.

Rosenthal: The Government Relations Committee (GRC) met on 15 February, 1991. The Committee meeting was devoted to a discussion, with Dr. Peggie J. Hollingsworth of the Public Service Initiative proposal. Hollingsworth clarified SACUA's and the Senate Assembly's positions on the proposal, pointing out that it had been accepted as part of the Government Relations Committee annual report in June, 1989. SACUA found the ideas in the proposal laudable but, as always, it remains the prerogative of individual committees to make decisions on specific projects. The Public Service Initiative had never been specifically endorsed, and it would be up to the GRC to decide if they wanted to promote that particular idea further. SACUA certainly applauds individual faculty efforts.
Marcelo: The Civil Liberties Board met on March 4, 1991, with the rotating chair being Professor Sallie Churchill. The WUOM conduct in the workplace issue was discussed and finalized and a memo or official report will be sent to SACUA. The details will be reported directly to SACUA.

Another point brought to the attention of the committee concerned the question: how many peer institutions have lesbian and gay rights in their bylaws? One member will research this issue... and some comments concerning Dean Baker’s public comments were noted.

The board will also investigate the Todd Ochoa case. He is a student charged on "chalking sidewalks" with anti-campus-police statements. Members of the board felt that he was singled out for criminal charges. Next meeting will be April 1, 1991.

Marcelo: The Research Policy Committee (RPC) met on March 8, 1991. In matters arising, Vice President Kelly notified us that the indirect cost will stay at 59% for the rest of this year and then decrease by 1% for the next 2 years. This will lead to a deficit of $3 million for the coming year.

RPC has expressed concerns to SACUA regarding finding students to serve on the committee. The committee would prefer graduate students.

The subcommittee on fostering conduct in research met. Dr. Steneck will go to a Rackham student forum and ask the students their ideas on how to foster responsible research. The committee will pursue case studies and will bring case studies to RPC for discussion. One member thought this was well and good, but he wants to know specifically what is happening at UM concerning courses, etc., on scientific responsibility and what institutional mechanisms are already in place. Steneck will put together a comprehensive report.

The Research scientist subcommittee has met.

In FY 1990 the Vice President for Research received twelve requests for approval of contractual restrictions on openness (11 with "non-standard" restrictions and one restriction related to federal classification). During the same period 2,904 research proposals were submitted and 1,551 research awards were accepted. It was the feeling of the RPC that the Vice President was doing an excellent job in this matter and that continued care in approving applications with restrictions on publishing should be exercised.

Use of indirect cost was discussed and will continue to be discussed at the next meeting. The indirect cost scenario needs a lot of discussion. Next meeting will be May 3, 1991.