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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, S-M Weineck, W. Schultz, D. Smith, C. Whitman (office of provost)

MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED

1. Draft agenda
2. Draft minutes of 11 March 2014
3. Draft Model Grievance Policy Report, dated 20 March 2014
4. Electronic mail message to M. Pollack, dated 14 March 2014, regarding extra executive compensation
5. AST Process Sharing Faculty Engagement Meeting slides, dated 18 March 2014
6. List of faculty governance issues, undated

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

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of 10 March 2014 were approved.

Announcements-

1. Regent Bernstein and VP Harper will visit with SACUA on 7 April 2014
2. Regent Darlow and the provost will visit with SACUA on 14 April 2014
3. The final Senate Assembly meeting of the year will be held on 21 April 2014
4. DPS Oversight Committee nominations have been received in response to a solicitation to the University Senate
5. Mark Burns from the AST team has offered to meet with SACUA
6. The chair met with president-elect Schlissel.

LIAISON REPORTS

CESF (Professor Masten)- The committee met with the vice provost for budgetary affairs.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The provost arrived 3:30 P.M. The meeting entered executive session to discuss executive compensation. The meeting resumed open session at 4:04 P.M.

Professor Masten asked about the status of two SPG policy documents. Vice-provost Whitman responded that the SPG about professional standards is active, but added that the policy does not specify sanctions in the case of violations. She said that the SPG about fitness for duty is still in revision in draft form, with no specific timeline for adoption.

Professor Larsen asked about policy for closing the UM in case of inclement weather. The provost replied that there is a working group trying to develop a standard. She said that her decision to close the university this year was based on a recommendation from the chief medical officer.

The provost said that the finalists in the search for dean of LSA have been meeting with her as well as the current president and the president-elect. She said that external candidates are included in that list of finalists. The search for dean of the School of Pharmacy is likewise proceeding well and is on track. The guest left the meeting at 4:11 P.M.

SACUA OFFICER ELECTIONS

Chair Staller explained the duties and perquisites of the office of SACUA chair. Blank paper ballots were distributed to SACUA members. Professor Masten was elected chair for AY2014-2015 unanimously, with one abstention of record.

Vice-chair Holland explained the duties and perquisites of the office of SACUA vice-chair. Blank paper ballots were then distributed. Professor Oey was elected unanimously, with one blank ballot submitted.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting entered executive session at 4:36 P.M. Topics included appointment of an Interim Senate Secretary and the private meeting of chair with president-elect Schlissel.

The meeting resumed open session temporarily to elect an interim secretary at 5:00 P.M. Professor Lehman was elected interim senate secretary for an indefinite term.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:19 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

John T. Lehman
Interim 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

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