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MINUTES OF THE SACUA MEETING OF 28 MARCH 2004

PRESENT: S. Berent (Chair), W. Ensminger, B. Giordani, R. Gull, J. Lehman, S. Meerkov, S. Pedraza (Vice Chair), J. Zorn; C. Smith; J. Leu, T. Schneider

ABSENT: Combi

GUESTS: Provost Courant, K. Gibbons, R. Krasny, K. Bergquist, D. Gershman

MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED

1. Proposed agenda
2. Draft minutes of 7 March 2005 SACUA meeting
3. Draft minutes of 14 March 2005 SACUA meeting
4. Draft minutes of 21 March 2005 SACUA meeting
5. Memo from Rules Committee Chair John Riebesell to Chair Berent dated 18 March 2005 entitled *Recommended Revision to Regents' Bylaws and Senate Rules* along with draft of proposed changes
6. Memo from Glenna Schwitzer and Patricia Yester of the Office of Budget and Planning to Chair Berent dated March 11, 2005 entitled *Annual Faculty Composition Report* along with the report

Chair Berent called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the SACUA meeting on 7 March 2005 were approved with one change and with one abstention. The minutes of the SACUA meeting of 14 March 2005 were approved without change with one abstention. The minutes of 21 March 2005 were approved without change with one abstention. Professor Lehman asked for documentation of the request to delete an attribution to Professor John Riebesell in the 13 December 2004 Senate Assembly minutes. Chair Berent stated that Professor Riebesell would be contacted for a statement responsive to the above.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPDATES

1. Chair Berent directed SACUA's attention to the *Annual Faculty Composition Report* prepared by the Office of Budget for their review. Chair Berent noted the ongoing upward trend of non-tenure track growth. Professor Lehman stated that, to obtain

SACUA approval of clinical faculty expansion into all units, past Provost Bernie Machen had promised non-tenure track faculty use would not exceed 10% but later withdrew that promise. According to the report, current Ann Arbor campus non-tenure track use is 46.2%.

2. Chair Berent reported that, in the private meeting he and Vice-Chair Pedraza had with the President last week, they discussed same sex partner benefits, the GEO negotiations, and the annual dinner provided for SACUA by the President and Provost. This year, the dinner will be on 31 May 2005 at the President's house.
3. Chair Berent stated that a draft SACUA office budget proposal would be reviewed next week by the current and newly elected Chairs and Vice Chairs. That draft will be provided to SACUA at the 11 April 2005 SACUA meeting for further comment. Professor Meerkov stated that he anticipated the AEC would need \$2,000 to \$3,000 for costs of a server. Chair Berent asked Professor Meerkov to submit the request in writing with a little more detail. Chair Berent said a request for a description of other anticipated needs should be sent to all Senate Assembly committee chairs as well.
4. Professor Meerkov inquired about the process to suggest speaker names for the Davis, Markert, Nickerson Lecture on Academic and Intellectual Freedom. Professor Smith stated that the selection committee is comprised of the Chair of SACUA, the President of the local chapter of the AAUP, and the President of the Academic Freedom Lecture Fund (AFLF). Professor Smith stated the selection committee welcomes suggested names for speakers. Professor Meerkov stated that he felt the selection of lecture speakers should present speakers with diverse opinions from each other.

COMMITTEE REPORT RULES

Chair Berent directed SACUA's attention to the Rules Committee report with recommended changes to the Regents' Bylaws and Senate Rules. Chair Berent stated the report with recommendations would be an agenda topic at the 4 April 2005 SACUA meeting and possibly the 18 April 2005 Senate Assembly meeting.

SHARED GOVERNANCE DOCUMENT

Chair Berent noted that the shared governance document has been dealt with except the examples. Further discussion was postponed to provide all members with the most recent revision of the document.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

SACUA entered executive session at 2:45 p.m. to discuss and select faculty for 1) the provost search committee, 2) the University secretary search committee, and 3) the Ctools advisory committee. SACUA returned to regular session at 3:15 p.m.

SHARED GOVERNANCE DOCUMENT

SACUA continued its discussion regarding the shared governance document. Chair Berent stated that the document is intended to be a tool for dealings with executive officers. Essentially, the document helps identify at what point formal, elected faculty governance must be consulted rather than faculty in general. Chair Berent pointed out the various criteria listed that help define

that point. Chair Berent stated the document is based on the *Principles of Faculty Involvement in Institutional & Academic Unit Governance at the University of Michigan (1997)* and is meant to carry its concepts further. Chair Berent stated he is reluctant to include examples because the specificity of examples may hinder the acceptance of the document by the administration. Professor Ensminger asked if Provost Courant would be asked to approve the document. Professor Ensminger said this might not be the most opportune time given his planned departure. Chair Berent stated that the document is not controversial and that Provost Courant has seen the drafts and appears to be receptive to the document. Professor Ensminger stated he would like to see an analysis of whether faculty feel the *Principles* document affects their lives at the University. Vice Chair Pedraza stated that the shared governance document is more precise than the *Principles* document but Professor Meerkov disagreed. Chair Berent stated that the new, shared governance document is not meant to replace the *Principles* document but is meant to extend it.

ACTION OF SACUA 032805-1

Professor Ensminger moved that SACUA adopt the shared governance document and put it forth for further adoption by Senate Assembly at its next meeting. The motion was seconded.

Vote on the motion:

Approve: 7

Disapprove: 0

Abstain: 1

The motion passed.

Professor Meerkov explained his decision to abstain from voting stating he felt the shared governance document was a step in the right direction but was not algorithmic enough.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

There was no old or new business.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

SACUA entered executive session at 3:40 p.m. to select membership replacements to serve on the Senate Assembly committees.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas E. Schneider
SACUA Staff

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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.