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

Absent: Larsen

Guests: *Record* reporter, *Daily* reporter, Vice President R. Harper, A. Hower (Director, New Student Programs), M.J. Desprez (Director, Wolverine Wellness "Alcohol Harm"), Professor S-M. Weineck, Professor D. Smith, Professor W. Schultz, R. Winfield (Chief Health Officer), Regent Mark Bernstein

MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED

1. Draft agenda
2. Draft minutes of 31 March 2014
3. Memorandum to Provost Martha Pollack from SACUA, dated 3 April 2014, regarding Model Grievance Procedure Report
4. Distinguished Faculty Governance Award Nominations
5. Section 3.04 from Model Grievance Procedure
6. Reducing Alcohol Harm presentation, dated 7 April 2014

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

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of 31 March 2014 were approved.

Announcements-

1. The Chair was invited to President Obama's appearance last week.
2. The annual SACUA dinner remains to be scheduled.
3. The Chair will deliver a 5-minute address to the Regents this month.
4. Provost Martha Pollack and Regent Julia Darlow will be guests at the SACUA meeting of 14 April 2014.
5. The 21 April 2014 meeting of Senate Assembly will feature committee reports and a discussion of IT strategies. Advance notice will be send to Assembly members.
6. The last meeting of SACUA before official change of membership will occur on 28 April 2014.

GRIEVANCE POLICY MEMORANDUM

The chair called attention to distributed item 3 and asked for final comments from SACUA members. Members suggested some minor corrections and format changes. The chair will transmit the corrected document to the provost.

SALARY EQUITY ISSUES

Members discussed a recent report by AAUP about gender salary equity. The Committee on the Economic Status of the Faculty (CESF) will be asked to study the matter and prepare a report.

VISIT OF VICE PRESIDENT R. HARPER

The guests arrived at 3:35 P.M. VP Harper introduced Ms. M-J Desprez, who circulated distributed item 6. Ms. Desprez described some of the cultural issues surrounding alcohol abuse by students at the U-M. She stated that an independently produced alcohol-oriented You-Tube video is having widespread influence on student recruitment. Ms. Hower described recent changes in orientation practices aimed at combating alcohol abuse. Dr. Winfield characterized alcohol abuse as a root cause for multiple public health problems at the campus. Professor Koopmann raised concerns related to rescheduling the first home football game, and asked about the practice of alcohol sales at the Universities of Minnesota and Wisconsin. The guests left at 4 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting entered executive session at 4:05 P.M. to meet with Regent Bernstein. The guest left the meeting at 5:12 P.M. The meeting continued in executive session to consider nominations for the DPS Oversight Committee and to consider a grievance appeal filed by a faculty member. The meeting resumed open session at 5:25 P.M.

GRIEVANCE APPEAL SUBCOMMITTEE

SACUA designated a subcommittee consisting of Professors Lehman, Masten, Oey, Smith, and Staller to develop a response to the grievance appeal it had received.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:28 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

"...[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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