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MINUTES OF THE SACUA MEETING OF 12 APRIL 2010

Present: Fraser, Lehman, Lusmann, Navvab, Poe, Rothman, Stark, Thouless (chair); Carr, Schneider

Absent: Frost

Guests: President Coleman, Provost Sullivan, Provost-select Hanlon, K. Gibbons (provost office), *U-M Daily* reporter, *University Record* reporter, K. Barald, R. Goldman, K. Kearfott,

MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED

1. Proposed agenda
2. Draft minutes of 5 April 2010

Chair Thouless convened the meeting at 3:00 P.M. The draft agenda was approved.

VISIT OF UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT MARY SUE COLEMAN

The guest arrived at 3:00 P.M. She thanked SACUA members for participating in the accreditation visit. She said that planning for commencement is proceeding smoothly. The pace of ingress may be limited by availability of magnetometers.

Regents Meeting-

The Regents will meet in Grand Rapids this month. Presentations during the meeting will highlight U-M activities in the western part of the state.

Glee Club Anniversary-

Professor Lusmann thanked the president for participating in the 150th anniversary celebration of the Men's Glee Club. He said that the event received numerous philanthropic gifts.

Solar Car Team-

A documentary has been produced about the U-M solar car team in Australia two years ago: *Against All Odds*.

Faculty Involvement in Development-

Professor Rothman said that when faculty travel on business, it provides opportunities for them to engage in outreach, development, and recruitment of students. The president agreed, and said that the administration should be looking for more ways to take advantage of the opportunities.

Shared Library Resources-

Dr. Fraser reported that progress has been made in developing cooperation among different libraries.

The guest left the meeting at 3:20 P.M.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of 5 April 2010 were corrected and approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Chair Thouless has sent an e-mail to the Provost's office saying that SACUA has no concerns about the proposed revisions to SPG-201-19 regarding postdoctoral fellows.
2. A meeting with the current ombuds is scheduled for Thursday April 15 at 3:30 P.M. in the Regents Room.

VISIT OF PROVOST AND PROVOST-SELECT

Provost Sullivan, Provost-select Hanlon, and K. Gibbons arrived at 3:32 P.M. The provost reported that she is working on the transition of her office, and that everything is proceeding smoothly.

Promotions-

Provost Sullivan said that she is still working on promotions, and that will take about two more weeks.

Commencement-

Planning is proceeding well, but equipment needs may slow ingress.

Budget-

A high priority is having a salary program for faculty and staff. The U-M is in stable financial condition, and faculty have raised large levels of research funding.

Rackham Dean Reappointment-

The provost said that she had collected input for the decision from the Rackham executive board and some graduate advisors, but not from faculty governance. She said that constituencies are sometimes hard to identify, but that it would be good to consider a wider solicitation next time.

Provost-select

P. Hanlon said that he is committed to transparency and to consultation with faculty governance.

Rackham Re-enrollment Fee-

A staff member will be hired at Rackham to monitor enrollment rates. The proposed re-enrollment fee will be suspended at request of the provost while data are collected. Future implementation of fees cannot be predicted at this time. The fee is an administrative fee and is not an issue before the Regents. Nonetheless, candidacy tuition is being reduced. Monitoring will track whether enrollment projections are realized in the absence of the barrier of high re-enrollment fees. The expectation for continuous enrollment will apply to all doctoral students, regardless of the policy in place when they first enrolled.

The guests left the meeting at 3:56 P.M.

SENATE SECRETARY NOMINATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Professor Stark reported that Robert Fraser and John Lehman have been nominated for Senate Secretary. Candidates should send statements to T. Schneider tomorrow.

SENATE SECRETARY REPORT

Secretary Lehman reported that a resolution has been received regarding re-enrollment fees.

SACUA approved the following Agenda:

4:30 Consideration of Minutes

4:35 Secretary Election

4:45 Senate Resolution

5:00 Adjournment

ACTION OF SACUA 041210-1

Professor Poe moved that SACUA recommends that a re-registration fee of no more than \$100 is all that should be assessed when a student returns from an absence not endorsed by Rackham. (Lehman seconded)

Discussion- SACUA members pointed out that there are many real-world situations that do not fit neatly into the policy scenarios considered by Rackham, and that students could be disadvantaged.

The action was approved unanimously with no abstentions of record.

SACUA CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR ELECTION

Professor Rothman was elected chair by acclamation.

Professor Poe was elected vice-chair by acclamation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting entered executive session at 4:36 P.M.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

There was no additional business.

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

John T. Lehman
Senate Secretary

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