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

Absent: Koopmann, Larsen

Guests: *Record* reporter, *Daily* reporter, Provost M. Pollack, S. Riegle (provost office), Professor S-M. Weineck, Professor D. Smith, Professor W. Schultz, Regent Julia Darlow

MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED

1. Draft agenda
2. Draft minutes of 7 April 2014
3. Draft Senate Assembly agenda
4. Distinguished Faculty Governance Award Nominations

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

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of 7 April 2014 were corrected and approved.

Announcements-

1. The last meeting of SACUA before official change of membership will occur on 28 April 2014. Nominations for the Distinguished Governance Award will be considered at that meeting.
2. The SACUA chair will address the Board of Regents this Thursday.
3. The Senate Assembly will meet on 21 April 2014.

SENATE ASSEMBLY AGENDA

SACUA members reviewed distributed item 3 and approved it.

LIAISON REPORT

Government Relations Advisory Committee (Oey)- The Government Relations Advisory Committee hosted the Executive Director of the Division of Public Safety and Security (DPSS), Eddie Washington, who has been heading this new umbrella organization for 8 months. The VPGR Cynthia Wilbanks is very impressed with him, as the transition in structure of the various security units has gone smoothly and the new organization seems highly functional and collaborates well with local law enforcement agencies. Washington stated that the top

vulnerability is active shooter, which was discussed at length; he mentioned that there are 3-4 threat assessments daily, meaning individual cases that are brought to attention for possible monitoring. Faculty stressed the inhomogeneity of who receives training, with some units serving large student bodies having zero training. Public-serving facilities like the Law Library also attract suspicious characters, whose rights must be respected re trespass laws, generating vulnerability. Sexual assault is the 2nd highest vulnerability, and correlates strongly with alcohol abuse. Washington is interested in coordinated awareness campaigns, including promoting bystander intervention, which is demonstrated to be effective. Drug abuse is the third top priority, especially with the escalating heroin abuse situation, and student mail-ordering. Again multi-jurisdictional teams are encouraged to maximize efficiency and effectiveness.

Cynthia Wilbanks then briefly presented the Governor's budget for higher ed, featuring a 6% recommended increase for UM. This would be the largest increase since the 1990's, and her office is highly focused on advocating passage. In view of the 15% cut in 2012, this would only be partial restoration, but nonetheless one of the most positive budget moves in years. VP Wilbanks is cautiously optimistic about the outcome, expected in May. She is less optimistic about any improvement in budget for the federal agencies which was recently unveiled in the proposed flat-budget Recompetes Act. Congress is skittish, it being an election year with lots of turnover. Finally, a great piece of news is approval of a new manufacturing hub, the Advanced Lightweight Materials Institute, a joint initiative by UM, OSU, and Edison Welding Inst, to be located in Canton.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting entered executive session at 3:23 P.M. to prepare for the visit of Regent Darlow and to receive a preliminary oral report from the grievance appeal subcommittee. Regent Darlow arrived at 3:45 P.M. The meeting resumed open session at 4:40 P.M.

VISIT OF PROVOST

The provost and S. Riegle arrived at 4:40 P.M.

Deans and Vice Provost for Equity, Inclusion, and Academic Affairs-

The provost reported that she will be recommending executive appointments to the Board of Regents on Thursday. She reviewed the academic background and research interests of the proposed new deans of LSA and Pharmacy, as well as the VPEIAA. SACUA members expressed enthusiasm about the proposed appointments. She said that dean appointments are for 5 years and are renewable.

Chair Staller pointed out that the transparency of dean searches varies by school. For example, regular faculty were not privy to the LSA dean search, whereas Pharmacy faculty were included in their dean search. The provost said that she tended to give latitude to the search committees, and that there was no university policy specifically sanctioning closed searches, other than the search for president.

Building renovations-

Professor Weineck expressed concerns about insufficient faculty input to building renovation planning. The provost responded that facilities issues report through Hank Bayer, but that she is also willing to talk with faculty about their concerns.

Cost containment-

The provost said that the administration is constantly seeking cost containment measures such as assessing benefits packages and comparing them to our peers. She said the administration would approach faculty governance early with any recommendations they may be considering. She added that there is nothing in the works presently, however.

Undergraduate admissions-

The provost reported that undergraduate admissions are going well. She noted that the UM's yield on admissions decisions keeps rising each year. She noted particularly strong growth in Engineering.

Professor Lehman asked about the prospect of having the SACUA chair attend Academic Programs Group (APG) meetings. The provost replied that she would look into the matter.

The guests left the meeting at 5:02 P.M.

SACUA members agreed to meet briefly after the Senate Assembly meeting to continue discussion with the Grievance Appeal Subcommittee.

There was no further business.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:03 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."

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