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**MINUTES OF THE SACUA MEETING OF 20 APRIL 2009**

Present: Fraser, Frier, Frost, Navvab, Potter (chair), Riles, Stark, Thouless; Lehman; Carr, Schneider

Absent: Poe

Guests: R. Winfield (Chief Health Officer), Provost T. Sullivan, K. Gibbons (provost office), *Daily* reporter, M.J. Frank (UM News and Information), E. Rothman

**MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED**

1. Proposed agenda
2. Draft minutes of 6 April 2009
3. "Policy Statement on the Integrity of Scholarship- University of Michigan"
4. Draft News Release: U-M announces smoke-free campus beginning in 2011, revised 10 April 2009, version 2
5. Smoke-Free University Talking Points
6. Draft SPG 201.11-1 regarding sick leave pay

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

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

The minutes of 6 April 2009 were conditionally approved pending response from the president regarding the account of her meeting with SACUA.

**VISIT OF CHIEF HEALTH OFFICER**

The guest arrived at 3:00 P.M. He provided SACUA with distributed item 4, an embargoed press release regarding plans for a smoke-free campus beginning in 2011. He outlined the background and rationales for the new policy, as well as support programs for smoking cessation. He said that five new committees would be established to advertise and implement the policy.

Professor Thouless inquired about what fraction of the university population consists of smokers. The CHO replied that the best estimate was between 15 and 20 percent for both faculty and students. Professor Frost commented that nicotine gum is very expensive U.S. manufacturers, but that it is available in India at a fraction of the U.S. price. Professor Stark asked how much it will cost to implement the practice of providing drugs at a discount. The CHO replied that estimates by Dean Warner indicate the net savings would be about \$2000 per person per year. The guest left the meeting at 3:40 P.M.

#### **VISIT OF UNIVERSITY PROVOST TERESA SULLIVAN**

The guest and K. Gibbons joined the meeting at 3:40 P.M. The provost said that her office was busy with promotions and budget issues. She said that this year there were 204 promotion cases in all categories.

#### **Budget-**

The state is not obliged to provide its budget to the U-M until 30 September 2009. The provost anticipates about \$10M shortfall from the state. Provisions in the federal stimulus bill provide incentives for tuition tax credits of \$2500 per year that will affect approximately 22,000 families that have students at the U-M. Also, Pell Grants will be increased. About 440 new work-study jobs are expected, as well.

Mid-year rescission of the state budget, also known as a “negative supplemental” has not yet happened, but it remains a possibility. There is potentially a gap of \$20M this year between what the state will provide and unavoidable expenses. Tuition increases provide the main option for raising the money, but no decision has been made regarding tuition at this point.

#### **Faculty recruiting-**

Recruiting seems to be going well. A report has been received from the committee evaluating proposals for 100 interdisciplinary faculty.

#### **Employment opportunities-**

Professor Frost pointed out that for the first time in recent history, School of Information graduates are encountering difficulties finding jobs. The provost replied that she was optimistic that stimulus package funds will provide postdoctoral employment opportunities for many students.

Professor Riles suggested that stimulus funding be used to enhance the start-up packages for new hires.

#### **Undergraduate admissions-**

As of last week, admissions were lagging last year by only 99 student acceptances. Everybody seems uncertain of what the final yield will be. The final response date is 1 May.

#### **Special Accommodations for Exams-**

SACUA members discussed with the provost the scheduling difficulties that arise when students declare that they require additional time for exam completion the day or night before a scheduled exam.

The guests left the meeting at 4:12 P.M.

#### REVISION OF STANDARD PRACTICE GUIDE REGARDING SICK LEAVE

Dr. Fraser introduced the proposed revision of distributed item 6, and recommended that SACUA endorse the proposal.

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Action of SACUA 042009-1

Chair Potter invited a motion endorsing proposed SPG 201.11-1 revision. Several members offered the invited motion.

The action was approved unanimously.

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#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Senate Assembly will meet on 18 May 2009 in the Great Lakes South room of Palmer Commons. The meeting agenda will include reports from Senate Assembly committee chairs.
2. SACUA's annual dinner meeting with executive officers will be on 1 June 2009 at Inglis House. Formal invitations will be forthcoming.
3. Chairs and liaisons for Assembly committees have been asked to transmit their evaluation of committee activities and committee needs to the SACUA chair-elect and vice-chair-elect.

#### LIAISON REPORTS

There were no reports.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Professor Frost asked about the status of SACUA's request regarding disposition of contested artifacts and remains claimed by Native American groups. Chair Potter said that he would renew that request with central administration.

The meeting adjourned at 4:22 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

John Lehman  
Senate Secretary

#### **University of Michigan Bylaws of the Board of Regents, Sec. 5.02:**

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