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MINUTES OF THE SACUA MEETING OF 2 MAY 2011

Present: Barald (chair), Goldman, Kearfott, Koopmann, Lehman, Lusmann, Rothman, Staller; Carr, Schneider

Absent: Larsen

Guests: J. Weiss (office of provost), *University Record* reporter

Materials Distributed

1. Draft agenda
2. Draft minutes of the 18 April 2011 meeting of SACUA
3. List of SACUA members showing contact information
4. Proposed Rules Committee list for 2011-2012

The meeting was convened by Chair Barald at 3:23 P.M. The agenda was approved.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of 18 April 2011 were approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. SACUA members introduced themselves to the new members.
2. The chair announced that she was suspending Roberts Rules of Order for SACUA meetings in an effort to expedite business. She said that motions and votes would be in order.

MAY REGENTS UPDATE

Consideration of the faculty governance Regents Update, due 5 May, was deferred to executive session later in the meeting.

SENATE ASSEMBLY AGENDA

Secretary Lehman reported a list of items that have been identified for inclusion in the agenda of the May Senate Assembly meeting:

1. Approval of SACUA nominations for the Rules Committee.
2. Report from the Civil Liberties Board in response to its charge to ascertain faculty responsibilities if their email communications are requested under FOIA (20 min).
3. Report on SACUA actions to effect Senate Assembly actions 042511-1 and 042511-2.
4. Report of the AY 2010-2011 SACUA budget with sufficient detail so that Assembly members can understand what happened to the funds allocated for SACUA members support.

Chair Barald said that she wished to work with the Assembly to increase participation in faculty governance matters between Senate Assembly and SACUA, and that she would invite Assembly members to SACUA meetings to help plan Assembly meetings. She added that she would implement straw polls through the faculty governance website. Professor Rothman said that he was interested in encouraging Assembly members to engage more with their colleagues at the unit level in faculty governance issues. Professor Lehman pointed out that 33% of the Assembly was about to turn over, and that a likely forum for making such a case would be at Committee Day in September. The chair expressed agreement.

ACTION OF SACUA 050211-1

Professor Kearfott moved that SACUA shall extend invitations to Senate Assembly members and chairs of Assembly committees to attend SACUA meetings for purposes to planning Senate Assembly meeting agendas.

The action was approved by unanimous vote.

Professor Rothman inquired about the possibility of using video technology for remote engagement of members in Senate Assembly meetings. Professor Koopman expressed concern about logistical problems and expenses that would likely arise. Professor Goldman suggested that SACUA experiment with remote conferencing at some of its own meetings.

SACUA members developed additional items for the Senate Assembly agenda:

5. Proposal from the Council on Intercollegiate Athletics (COIA)
6. Health Plan Incentives Task Force report and recommendations (15 min)
7. Student Relations Advisory Committee report (15 min)
8. AAAC report (15 minutes)
9. CESF report (15 min)

SACUA RETREAT (4:50 P.M.)

The SACUA retreat will be held Monday, 6 June, starting at noon.

LIAISON REPORTS

EVPMA (Rothman)- The existence of the SACUA liaison needs to be recognized. A letter requesting this will be sent to the EVPMA by the SACUA chair.

General Counsel (Goldman)- The committee will meet on Wednesday, 4 May.

SACMU (Kearfott)- The committee is looking for direction.

AAAC (Kearfott)- Advice on course guides has been transmitted to the provost. The committee is working on example cases of communications between faculty and administration and how they are perceived. The definition of credit hours was introduced but not discussed. In response to a query, Dean Weiss said that there has been no change in rules regarding GSRAs. She added that the Michigan Federation of Teachers has been trying to organize GSRAs.

Government Relations (Lusmann)- State legislators will likely introduce a bill allowing guns on campus. Another bill may ask for a count of experimental embryos on campus. A third bill may require counseling programs to take account of the religious beliefs of staff in regard to counseling services. He acknowledged that a strong social agenda was working its way through the Michigan legislature. Professor Rothman recommended that VP for Government Relations Wilbanks be invited to a future SACUA meeting.

Financial Affairs (Barald)- The committee discussed problems with the CONCUR system, and remedies offered by the system staff. Professor Koopmann observed that the steps leading to institution of CONCUR were questionable and should not be repeated. This was discussed at a SA meeting with VP Slottow, in answer to a question raised by then SACUA Vice Chair Professor Poe.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting entered executive session at 4:12 P.M. The meeting resumed open session at 4:55 P.M. and SACUA recorded its unanimous vote to approve appointments of three Rules Committee members for one-year terms. The meeting re-entered executive. Executive session concluded at 5:03 P.M.

The meeting adjourned at 5:03 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

John Lehman
Senate Secretary

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