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**MINUTES OF THE SACUA MEETING OF 15 JUNE 2009**

Present: Lehman, Navvab, Rothman, Stark, Thouless (chair), Tzeng; Carr, Schneider

Absent: Fraser, Frost, Poe

Guests: Provost T. Sullivan, , K. Gibbons (office of provost), D. Gershman (Ann Arbor News),  
Professor K. Riles, M.J. Frank (U-M News and Information), Professor B. Frier

**MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED**

1. Proposed agenda
2. Ballots for committee nominations

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

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

The minutes of 11 May 2009 were reconsidered and amended to include one correction offered by the provost to the account of her visit.

The minutes of 1 June 2009 were corrected and approved.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. The chair has forwarded the name of Les Thornton to Laurita Thomas for membership on a sub-committee of the Steering Committee for a smoke-free campus.
2. The chair is discussing procedures for the DPS oversight committee with Human Resources. Some aspects of committee membership are specified by statute.
3. CESF presents a private report to the Regents on Thursday regarding compensation and personnel. Its final report is due in July.
4. The results of committee nominations voted by SACUA on 1 June were as follows:

**Academic Affairs Advisory Committee**

**Chair:** Greg Wakefield (F'09 only)  
**2012** David Dowling (Engineering)

2012 Timothy McKay (LSA-Physics)  
2012 Elizabeth Moje (Education)

#### **Budget Studies Committee**

**Chair:** Seth Hirshorn  
2012 David Moore (Kinesiology)  
2012 Pan Zheng (Medicine)

#### **Communications Advisory Committee**

**Chair:** John Mansfield (Engineering)  
2012 Paul Kileny (Medicine)  
2012 Melody Racine (Music, Theatre & Dance)  
2012 Jim Ottaviani (Library) -

#### **Research Policies Committee**

**Chair:** Bill Schultz (Engineering)  
2012 James Koopman (Public Health)  
2012 Kate Barald (Medicine & Engineering)  
2012 Bill Schultz (Engineering)

2010 Jairam Menon (Medicine)

#### **Tenure Committee**

**Chair:** James Barber (Engineering)  
2012 Reuvan Avi-Yonah (Law)  
2012 James Barber (Engineering)  
2012 Karen Stein (Nursing)

2010 Steve Lusmann (Music, Theatre & Dance)

#### **Undergraduate Scholarship Committee**

**Chair:** Semyon Merkov (Engineering)  
2012 Lynda J Yang (Medicine)

#### **CLASSROOM LOCKS**

Professor Riles joined the meeting at 2:28 P.M. He reported about his inquiries to Plant Operations regarding options for locking classroom doors from the inside in case of emergency such as presence of an active shooter in the building. He said that an ad hoc committee has been convened and has recommended a phased program of refitting doors with locks. He asked SACUA for feedback and recommendations about priorities. SACUA agreed that auditoriums should be given highest priority for refitting, followed by clusters of classrooms. The guest left the meeting at 2:55 P.M.

#### **COMMITTEE FOR A MULTICULTURAL UNIVERSITY**

SACUA discussed recommendations from the committee regarding its reporting and advising functions.

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**ACTION OF SACUA 061509-1**

SACUA endorses and approves the proposal from the committee for a revision of its charge and will submit the revised charge to Senate Assembly for ratification in the fall.

The action was approved by unanimous vote.

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**STATEMENT ON ACADEMIC FREEDOM**

Professor Frier arrived at 2:58 P.M. and outlined an issue he perceives to be a problem regarding a Supreme Court ruling (Garcetti v. Ceballos) restricting the right of state employees to criticize their employer. He noted that the U-M has never adopted a definition of academic freedom. He suggested that SACUA and Senate Assembly adopt a statement from the faculty regarding academic freedom based on the rationale that the faculty has responsibility in the area of grievance procedures and Regents Bylaw 5.09 proceedings. He reviewed recent statements adopted by the University of Minnesota and proposed them as a model for the U-M.

**VISIT OF PROVOST**

The provost and K. Gibbons arrived at 3:30 P.M.

**Academic Freedom-**

Professor Frier summarized the preceding discussion with SACUA about academic freedom. The provost suggested that Professor Chris Whitman, who will be joining her staff in July, might be a good participant in any drafting committee.

Professor Frier left the meeting at 3:45 P.M.

**Teaching Evaluations-**

A new upgrade to CTools course evaluations will be rolled out tomorrow.

**University Budget-**

The Regents will consider budget matters at its meeting this week. Projected state revenues continue to decline.

**Student Admissions-**

Demographic trends project a decline in college age students in the upper Midwest, but an increase in the Sunshine States. Even so, the provision of tuition credit in the economic stimulus package is a positive development for future enrollment trends.

The provost left the meeting at 3:55 P.M.

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**ACTION OF SACUA 061509-2**

SACUA appoints a committee consisting of Professors Frier (chair), Friedman, Fraser, and Lehman, plus C. Whitman from the provost's office and charges it with developing a statement

on academic freedom on behalf of the University Senate for adoption by the Senate Assembly in the fall.

The action was approved by unanimous vote.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting entered executive session at 4:00 P.M. to develop nominations for Senate Assembly committees. The meeting resumed open session at 4:15 P.M.

BUDGET STUDY COMMITTEE RESOLUTIONS

SACUA members discussed proposals from the Budget Study Committee.

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ACTION OF SACUA 061509-3

SACUA asks the Budget Study Committee to evaluate or suggest other alternative models for its Recommendation Two, including the proposal that the U-M allocate a portion of its general scholarship fund for award to dependents of university employees on the basis of need.

The action was approved by unanimous vote.

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ACTION OF SACUA 061509-4

SACUA places Recommendation One from the Budget Study Committee to the table.

The action was approved by unanimous vote.

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OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Professor Navvab asked that representatives of TIAA/CREF be invited to make presentations to the university community about retirement planning.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

John Lehman  
Senate Secretary

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