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**MINUTES OF THE SACUA MEETING OF AUGUST 19, 2013**

**Present:** R. Holland (Vice Chair), C. Koopmann, J. Lehman (Senate Secretary), S. Masten, A. Mondro, S. Oey, L. Olsen, K. Staller (Chair), R. Ziff, T. Schneider, L. Carr

**Absent:** F. Larsen

**Guests:** None

**Press:** None

**MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED**

1. Draft SACUA agenda for August 19, 2013
2. Draft of SACUA minutes dated August 5, 2013
3. Senate Assembly Meeting Schedule for 2013-2014
4. Skeletal Agenda for retreat issues
5. Draft of SACUA Special Task Force charge
6. Committee lists for Research Policies and University Undergraduate Scholarship
7. Proposed committee charges
8. Committee liaison matrix

**CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA AND MINUTES**

The agenda of August 19, 2013 and the minutes of August 5, 2013 were approved.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. The next SACUA meeting will be August 26, 2013
2. The list of Senate Assembly meetings for the 2013-2014 academic year is included

EXECUTIVE SESSION entered at 3:19 pm

EXECUTIVE SESSION ended at 4:10 pm

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ACTION OF SACUA 081913-1

SACUA approves the formation of a special task force on publishing, the charge as drafted (please see below) and the appointment of members as discussed in executive session.

SACUA Special Task Force on Scholarship: Transmission and Ownership

This special task force is charged with developing a statement of principles and guidelines broadly relating to the transmission and ownership of scholarship in an era of rapidly changing technology. New university initiatives such as Google digitalization, Haithi Trust, Deep Blue, and Maize Books, all challenge traditional methods of knowledge publication, storage, dissemination and production. They raise questions about changing business models, new rules of accessibility (such as open access, embargos), and new ideas about copyright and the ownership of intellectual property. The impacts of these initiatives will deeply affect every faculty member at the University of Michigan. They may also have profound implications for the way that our students plan their professional careers, within the academy or beyond. For these reasons, a faculty voice during the early stages of the changes is essential. We charge this special task force to be the voice of the governing faculty and to develop a set of guidelines and principles rooted in our shared perspectives and values, by which to help us direct, critique, assess and discuss, these initiatives and other future initiatives so critical to our academic life.

Holland moved, Mondro seconded. Approved with one abstention.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION entered at 4:12 pm

EXECUTIVE SESSION ended at 4:35 pm

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ACTION OF SACUA 081913-2

SACUA expresses concern about the potential damage done to the reputation of the University of Michigan and its faculty by the appearance of insensitivity to principles of academic freedom stemming from the disinvitation of Alice Walker as speaker for the CEW.

Oey moved, Mondro seconded. Approved with one abstention.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION entered at 4:44 pm

EXECUTIVE SESSION ended at 5:07 pm

ADJOURNMENT at 5:08 pm

Respectfully submitted,

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Linda Carr  
SACUA Office Staff

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**Board of Regents of the University of Michigan Bylaws *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.”