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MINUTES OF THE SACUA MEETING OF AUGUST 26, 2013

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

Absent: R. Holland (Vice-Chair) and F. Larsen

Guests: Martha Pollack, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs; Stephanie Riegle, Chief of Staff, Office of the Provost

Press: None

MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED

1. Draft SACUA agenda for August 26, 2013
2. Draft of SACUA minutes dated August 19, 2013
3. Skeletal Agenda for retreat issues
4. Email from D. Skoll regarding UM-Dearborn's Senate meeting dates for 2013-14
5. Proposed committee lists for Research Policies, Rules, University Undergraduate Scholarship and Tenure, Promotions and Professional Development committees
6. Proposed specific charges for all Senate Assembly committees
7. Liaison/Committee grid
8. Proposed resolutions on Benefit Totality, Transparency and Presidential Search Advisory Committee
9. School/College executive committee voting grid
10. Record of faculty appointed to school/college executive committee 2008-2013
11. Copy of materials supplied on the Office of Institutional Equity website
12. Model Faculty Grievance Procedure grid

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

The agenda of August 26, 2013 and the minutes of August 19, 2013 were approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The next SACUA meeting will be September 9, 2013; there will be no meeting on September 2, due to the Labor Day Holiday

2. John Poster, Chair of the Dearborn Faculty Senate, has invited SACUA to attend one of the Dearborn Senate meetings.
3. The next Regents' Update is due on Friday, September 6.

GUEST: Martha Pollack and Stephanie Riegler arrived at 3:27 pm

EXECUTIVE SESSION was entered at 3:28 pm and exited at 3:50 pm

EXECUTIVE SESSION was exited at 4:41 pm

ACTION OF SACUA 082613-1

Presidential Search Advisory Committee

SACUA expresses disappointment that, despite the urging of the Senate Assembly in its November 12, 2012, resolution below, the recently announced Presidential Search Advisory Committee does not include a representative of the Faculty Senate selected from the suggestions provided by SACUA.

SENATE ASSEMBLY ACTION 111912-1

Resolved

Whereas the Senate Assembly and Senate Advisory Committee on University Affairs constitute the official representative bodies of the Faculty Senate, and

Whereas the Senate is authorized by the Regents Bylaws to consider any subject pertaining to the interests of the University, and to make recommendations to the Board of Regents in regard thereto, and

Whereas the selection and appointment of executive officers of the University is of critical importance to the functioning and progress of the University,

We urge that search committees for executive officers and, particularly, the search committee for the University's next president, include representatives of the Faculty Senate chosen from a list of names selected by SACUA and approved by Senate Assembly.

C. Koopmann motioned to approve the above resolution; R. Ziff seconded the motion.

Unanimously approved.

A proposed motion on Benefit Totality, authored by Chair Staller, was reviewed. A discussion on the content ensued. The motion was tabled until a later date.

A proposed motion on Transparency, authored by Chair Staller, was reviewed. It was decided that R. Holland should review the motion. The motion was tabled until a later date.

There was a discussion regarding the SACUA Chair's vote and its impact on voting. The Chair does not usually vote unless 1) it is necessary to break a tie or 2) it is necessary to cause a tie.

Chair Staller introduced the following:

The grid of school/college executive committee policies. This information is being pulled together by a student working for SACUA.

The record of appointments overturned by the Provost with an email explaining why appointments were overturned.

The packet of information regarding the Office of Institutional Equity. She stressed the two sections, "Information for Respondents" and "Information for Complainants", which start with "**We are neutral**". In the Respondent section, there is a sentence, "OIE's finding, however, cannot be the subject of the grievance". SACUA believes that this should be revisited.

The "Model Faculty Grievance Procedure" matrix.

Chair Staller asked how SACUA and Senate Assembly should be structured. J. Lehman explained the purpose of Senate Assembly. He believes that resolutions should be developed and presented to Senate Assembly for its action. S. Oey suggested that Senate Assembly should be asked to prioritize the issues put together in the Skeletal Agenda and discuss the top five topics chosen.

ADJOURNMENT at 5:08 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Carr
SACUA Office Staff

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 polices 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."