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MINUTES OF THE SACUA MEETING OF 27 AUGUST 2007

Present: Friedman, Frier, MacAdam, Potter, Riles, Smith (chair), Stark, Thouless; Lehman; Schneider

Absent: Fraser

Guests: Percy Bates (Faculty Athletics Representative)

MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED:

1. Draft agenda
2. Draft minutes of the SACUA meeting of 30 July 2007
3. Draft minutes of the SACUA meeting of 6 August 2007
4. Draft of "Principles of Faculty Involvement in Institutional and Academic Unit Governance at the University of Michigan", 2nd edition.
5. Electronic mail from Jon Rush to the "Principles" committee dated 26 August 2007 entitled "Principles Text".
6. Electronic mail from Nathan Tublitz to the University of Oregon dated 23 August entitled "COIA address update & Knight Commission faculty summit info".
7. ["Framing the Future: Reforming Intercollegiate Athletics", adopted by the vote on 15 June 2007 of the Coalition membership, written by The Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics \(COIA\) sent as attachment to item #6.](#)
8. Memorandum from Provost Sullivan to President Coleman dated 20 August 2007 regarding the recommendation for Regent's Bylaw 5.09 Dismissal Proceedings on an unnamed faculty member with attachments A through M.
9. ["Chapter V: The Faculty and Academic Staff", Regents' Bylaws.](#)

Chair Smith convened the meeting at 2:00 P.M. The proposed agenda was approved.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of 30 July 2007 were approved.
The minutes of 6 August 2007 were approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Smith announced:

1. A Regents Update is due on 7 September 2007. This and future Regents Updates will be published in the *University Record*. Professor Potter will prepare a draft based on a proposed white paper produced by COIA.
2. Professors Potter and Smith will attend a private meeting with the president scheduled for 5 September.
3. The SACUA office has the ability to purchase two season tickets to football games using funds allocated by the office of the provost for that purpose. SACUA voted, with one abstention of record, to allocate an additional \$300 to acquire season tickets.

SHARED GOVERNANCE DOCUMENT

SACUA members reviewed distributed item X. Professor Riles suggested that SACUA ask the president whether she would be amenable to the proposed principle that faculty be consulted prior to the administration committing the university to very large expenditures. Professors Potter and Thouless expressed their opinion that the current document be approved despite the omission, with the proviso that ongoing negotiations be conducted to achieve the desired goal. Professor Frier proposed a change in wording to one part of the draft document, and Chair Smith said that he would review the proposed change with the provost.

VISIT OF FACULTY ATHLETICS REPRESENTATIVE

The guest joined the meeting at 2:50 P.M. Professor Bates pointed out that whereas the Faculty Athletics Representatives Association (FARA) as a whole reacted negatively to the COIA white paper, the Division IA representatives are positively disposed to many of the recommendations. He expressed his opinion that the COIA recommendations should be approved in principle, reserving the possibility for adaptation of details to the unique features of different institutions. The guest left the meeting at 3:20 P.M.

Professor Riles suggested that the Senate Assembly be offered a motion stating that the Assembly endorses the goals of the reforms proposed by COIA. SACUA members expressed agreement with the action suggested by Riles.

ACTION OF SACUA 082707-1

Professor Potter moved the following proposed motion for Senate Assembly:

Whereas the Senate Assembly of the University of Michigan finds that the proposed reforms of the Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics are generally in accord with the values of the University of Michigan, it hereby endorses the goals of the proposed reforms (multiple seconds).

The Action was approved by unanimous vote.

Professor Riles asked that the Athletic Director be invited to the 10 September meeting of SACUA to discuss proposed reforms.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no other business.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting entered executive session at 3:35 P.M. Topics of discussion included (1) faculty role in tenure and promotion decisions, (2) a report from the Faculty Hearing Committee on a personnel matter, and (3) a proposed action to dismiss a tenured professor under the provisions of Regents' Bylaw 5.09.

The meeting entered open session to record a vote at 4:00 P.M.

ACTION OF SACUA 082707-2

SACUA authorizes the chair to transmit the report of the Faculty Hearing Committee to the provost, with a cover memorandum explaining SACUA's concerns about lapses in due process and flaws in existing grievance procedures.

The Action was approved by unanimous vote.

The meeting resumed Executive Session at 4:04 P.M.

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

John Lehman
Senate Secretary

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

Governing Bodies in Schools and Colleges

In each school, college, or degree granting division of the University, including those at the University of Michigan-Dearborn and at the University of Michigan-Flint, the governing faculty shall be in charge of the affairs of the school, college, or division, except as delegated to the executive committee, if any, and except that in the School of Graduate Studies the governing board shall be the executive board, and in the Medical School shall be the executive faculty.
