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Present: Holland, Koopmann, Larsen, Masten, Mondro, Oey, Olsen, Staller (chair); Lehman; Schneider, Carr

Absent: Ziff

Guests: *Daily* reporter, *Record* reporter

MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED:

1. Draft agenda
2. Draft minutes of the 26 August 2013 SACUA meeting.
3. Announcement of 23rd annual Davis, Markert, Nickerson Lecture on Academic and Intellectual Freedom.
4. Meeting agenda for Committee on Institutional Cooperation (CIC) Faculty Governance Leaders 2013 Conference.
5. Key Changes in Model Grievance, undated.
6. List of committees in need of additional actions, undated.
7. Draft charges to Senate Assembly committees, dated 9 Sep 2013.
8. Draft list of committee liaisons, undated.
9. Draft list of issues and committees charged, dated 26 Aug 2013.
10. Draft format for University Senate Central Faculty Governance Semi-Annual Report, undated.
11. Draft resolutions authored by Karen Staller.
12. Unit rules for selection of unit executive committee members, revised 27 August 2013.

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

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

The draft minutes of 26 Aug 2013 were approved as submitted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The Academic Freedom Lecture will be presented Wednesday, 23 October 2013 at 4 P.M. in the Honigman Auditorium of the Law School.
2. CIC Faculty Governance Conference will be held in Bloomington, IN on 17-19 Oct 2013. The chair invited members to volunteer.

3. SACUA will meet with UM-Dearborn faculty governance in Dearborn on 10 Feb 2014.
4. A draft grid for grievance policies in various units is provided as a distributed item (item 5). The chair called attention to policies adopted by Education, Law, LSA, and Medicine; she referred members to the footnotes of the distributed items.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting entered executive session to consider SACUA personnel matters.

ACTION OF SACUA 090913-1

SACUA shall resume its traditional practice whereby the Senate Secretary keeps the minutes of SACUA meetings.

Vote on the Active Motion-

The Action was approved by unanimous vote with no abstentions of record.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting entered executive session at 3:40 P.M. Discussion topics included (1) nominations for committee memberships and chairs, (2) revisions to committee charges, and (3) nominations for committee liaisons.

The meeting resumed open session at 4:25 P.M.

STRUCTURE OF SACUA AND SENATE ASSEMBLY MEETINGS

SACUA members suggested having a 30-minute orientation session for new and continuing members that would immediately precede the first meeting of the Assembly. Professor Koopmann suggested that Assembly members be polled prior to the meeting to assess the level of interest with various emerging topics. Professor Masten recommended that the list of topics developed by SACUA be transmitted as a basis for discussion. Professor Oey recommended a State of Faculty Governance address to Assembly members as a means of informing and motivating the members. She suggested that no orientation session was necessary. Professor Larsen stated that it was important to engage new members with significant issues at the first opportunity.

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT TO FACULTY

Chair Staller called attention to distributed item 10. Professors Masten and Oey suggested changes to the proposed format of the communication. Professor Koopmann recommended that the communication be called an update rather than a report. The chair asked that further discussion of the item be postponed to the next meeting.

DRAFT RESOLUTIONS FOR SENATE ASSEMBLY

Chair Staller called attention to distributed item 11. Members proposed that resolutions on (1) Benefit Totality and (2) Transparency be presented to the Senate Assembly at the September meeting. Professor Masten pointed out that benefits were only one part of the total compensation package. Professor Koopmann expressed agreement. Professor Holland remarked that benefits were applied universally across the university whereas salary compensation was unit-specific.

The chair declared that further discussion of this agenda item will be postponed to the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

John T. Lehman
Senate Secretary

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

Governing Bodies in Schools and Colleges

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."

Rules of the University Senate, the Senate Assembly and the Senate Advisory Committee on University Affairs:

Senate: "In all cases not covered by rules adopted by the Senate, the procedure in Robert's Rules of Order shall be followed."

Assembly: "The Assembly may adopt rules for the transaction of its business. In appropriate cases not covered by rules of the Assembly, the rules of the University Senate shall apply."

SACUA: "The committee may adopt rules for the transaction of its business."

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