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MINUTES OF THE SACUA MEETING OF 28 SEPTEMBER 2009

Present: Fraser, Frost, Lehman, Navvab, Poe, Stark, Thouless (chair), Tzeng; Schneider

Absent: Rothman

Guests: President Coleman, Regent Julia Darlow, M. J. Frank (U-M News and Information), U-M Daily reporter, J. Lee (AAUP)

MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED

1. Proposed agenda
2. Draft minutes of 21 September 2009

Chair Thouless convened the meeting at 3:20 P.M. The draft agenda was approved.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of 21 September 2009 were approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. There will be no SACUA meeting next Monday. The president will be presenting her state of the university address at 3:30 P.M. at the Blau Auditorium in the Business School.
2. Professor Frost will become the SACUA representative on the U-M Smoke Free Subcommittee.
3. Members Fraser and Frost met with Paul Courant and discussed open access publications issues.

VISIT OF PRESIDENT

The president joined the meeting at 3:30 P.M.

State Budget-

The outlook is somewhat discouraging and an impasse has developed. Promise Grants are in peril, and lobbying is intense on the subject. The U-M has a high proportion of students (6096) with Promise Grants.

Council on Competitiveness Conference-

The president participated in a conference last week that looked at energy dependency issues. Development of alternative energy initiatives is of national importance, and Michigan is poised to play a significant role in terms of batteries and solar power.

North Campus Research Complex-

There are great opportunities and challenges in developing the site. Some ideas include research centers and business start-ups. No final decisions have been made.

Health Care Debate-

The U-M has no position on the national debate, but numerous faculty have lent their expertise to the discussion. The university does not set aside reserves for future health care costs but instead manages those costs from current funds.

The guest left the meeting at 3:52 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Regent Darlow joined the meeting at 3:53 P.M. in executive session.

The meeting returned to open session at 5:05 P.M.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

SACUA reviewed selection procedures for Academic Freedom Lecturers.

ACTION OF SACUA 092909-1

SACUA endorses the speaker selection for the 2009 Academic Freedom Lecture.

Number approving- 4

Number disapproving- 1

Number abstaining- 1

ACTION OF SACUA 092909-2

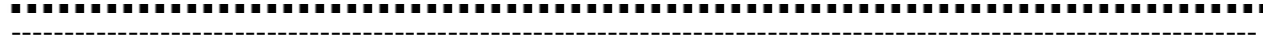
The 2009 Academic Freedom Lecture is declared to be a meeting of the University Senate.

Number approving- 6

Number disapproving- 1

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Number abstaining- 0



The meeting adjourned at 5:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

John Lehman
Senate Secretary



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