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MINUTES OF THE SACUA MEETING OF 10 OCTOBER 2011

Present: Barald (chair), Goldman, Kearfott, Koopmann, Larsen, Lehman, Lusmann, Rothman, Staller; Schneider, Carr

Absent: none

Guests: Provost P. Hanlon, D. Scavia (operational sustainability), *UM Daily* reporter, *University Record* reporter

Materials Distributed

1. Draft agenda
2. Draft minutes of the 3 October 2011 meeting of SACUA
3. Abstracted SACUA minutes of 4 October 2011
4. SACUA minutes of 1 November 2010
5. Draft minutes of the 12 September 2011 meeting of SACUA
6. Draft minutes of the 26 September 2011 meeting of SACUA
7. Draft minutes of the 2 May 2011 meeting of SACUA
8. PowerPoint presentation on U-M Sustainability Initiative (to be obtained)
9. About Don Scavia (undated)
10. Email message from J. Lehman to K. Barald, dated 20 October 2011
11. Draft Senate Assembly Agenda
12. [Budget Study Committee Report 2010-2011](#)
13. Report of the Advisory Task Force on Faculty Involvement in Health Plan Incentives, undated

The meeting was convened by Chair Barald at 3:16 P.M.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of 3 October 2011 were corrected and approved.

The minutes of 2 May 2011 were moved to the table upon arrival of scheduled guests.

Consideration of minutes resumed at 4:45 P.M. and the minutes of 2 May 2011 were taken up

from the table. The minutes of 2 May 2011 were approved by vote of 7-1.
The minutes of 12 Sep 2011 were corrected and approved.
The minutes of 26 Sep 2011 were corrected and approved.

VISIT OF PROVOST AND DIRECTOR OF GRAHAM SUSTAINABILITY INSTITUTE

The guests arrived at 3:33 P.M. Provost Hanlon introduced Professor Scavia and invited him to make a presentation about the U-M Sustainability Initiative. Professor Scavia gave a status update assisted by a PowerPoint presentation (distributed item 9).

SACUA members asked for clarification about a number of points, including the accuracy of energy savings and definition of sustainable food. Professor Scavia explained that sustainable food involved a series of criteria, including radius of production. Professor Koopmann expressed concern that the initiative will drive up the price of food for students. Professor Goldman asked whether that would also be true of packaging, because packaging may be more harmful to the environment than the food itself. Professor Scavia said he would look into packaging issues. Chair Barald pointed out that governmental fiscal policy could have big effects on sustainability. Professor Scavia replied that there was an interaction between policy and technology. Professor Rothman suggested that there were opportunities to develop technologies that would encourage entrepreneurship. Professor Koopmann asked how much money was spent on overseas travel for the Sustainability Initiative. He said that his point was that there has not been new construction at the U-M for health care and fitness facilities for a decade. The provost responded that study abroad as part of U-M initiatives has strong academic value. The formal presentation concluded at 4:15 P.M. Professor Scavia left the meeting at 4:16 P.M.

Phone System-

The provost said that his office is considering alternatives to the current archaic phone system. He said that one option is use of boosters for cell phone coverage. Professor Rothman suggested that voice over internet protocol (VOIP) should be considered, as well. Professor Larsen remarked that it seems implausible that voice data is large compared to other IP data flow.

Renovation Plans for Dennison Building-

Professor Larsen asked if we needed more administrative offices, as reported in the *Daily*. The provost replied that classroom utilization use on campus is 51% based on a 45 hour week (8 to 5). He said that one objective of renovation efforts is to take lower quality classrooms offline and to convert them to office space or other use. Other strategic goals involve classroom sharing, sharing staff, common space, and space for visiting faculty. He said the plan for Dennison is to create a center for centers by re-locating many of them. He explained that 40% of the centers on campus have three or fewer FTEs.

Teaching Patterns-

The provost pointed out that there are currently more than 100 teaching patterns in use across campus, and that the office of the provost is starting to recommend teaching patterns. Professor Goldman suggested that utilization between 10 A.M. and 2 P.M. is effectively 100%, but that utilization at other times is very low. The provost said that all classrooms are available for central scheduling between 8 A.M. and noon, and that the central scheduling window may be extended. He noted that more student credit hours are taught in Fall than in Winter.

Senate Assembly Action on Total Compensation-

The provost said that he met with Professor Askari (chair CESF) earlier in the day. He said that Professor Askari informed him that his committee wants to take an approach that involves collaborative study of questions that are informed by total compensation. The provost said that he would prefer to have experts do the analyses.

The provost left the meeting at 4:41 P.M.

Announcement-

There will be no SACUA meeting on Monday, 17 October 2011.

SENATE ASSEMBLY AGENDA

SACUA members reviewed a draft agenda and approved it pending additional items from the Assembly.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting entered executive session at 4:50 P.M. to discuss a request for nominations for an administrative committee on long-term health benefits. The meeting resumed open session at 5:15 P.M.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

John Lehman
Senate Secretary

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