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MINUTES OF THE SACUA MEETING OF OCTOBER 29, 2012

Present: K. Barald, R. Holland, K. Kearfott (Chair), C. Koopmann, F. Larsen, J. Lehman (Senate Secretary), S. Masten, S. Oey, R. Ziff; L. Carr, T. Schneider

Absent: K. Staller (Vice Chair)

Guests: Mary Sue Coleman, President; Phil Hanlon, Provost; Lester Monts, Senior Vice-Provost for Academic Affairs; Stephanie Riegle, Chief of Staff Office of the Provost

Press: Kelly Woodhouse - annarbor.com; Austen Huffard - Michigan Daily; Jamie Iseler - University Record

MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED

1. Draft SACUA agenda for October 29, 2012
2. SACUA minutes of October 1, 2012
3. SACUA minutes of October 8, 2012
4. Faculty Perspectives Page Editorial Board recommendation

The meeting was convened by Chair Kearfott at 3:16 PM.

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

The agenda and minutes from October 8, 2012 were approved. Minutes from the October 1, 2012 were also approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The next Regents Update is due 11/2/12. R. Holland will write about Haven Hall and Kate and Sally will review it.
2. The December Regents Update will be written by Kate Barald and Charlie Koopman. Kate will write about Libby Maynard and Charlie will write about S. Martin Taylor. Regents Maynard and Taylor are both retiring on January 1, 2013.
3. George Cohen will lunch with SACUA and present a lecture on October 31.

4. The Academic Freedom Lecture will be at 4 pm on Thursday, November 1, in the Honigman Auditorium of the Law School.

ARRIVAL OF GUEST

R. Fraser, Chair of the Faculty Perspectives Editorial Board, began a discussion about the recommendation being made by the FPEB (see distributed #4). The original authorization to the FPEB was to encourage and solicit papers by faculty on issues important to the university community. It has since descended into individual interests by *de facto*. An essay of a personal nature was recently submitted by an individual. Does the committee want to accept personal nature essays? Does the authorization broaden to accept everything? R. Fraser discussed the original authorization compared to the new broadening of the charge. Topic tabled temporarily.

ARRIVAL OF GUESTS

Provost Phil Hanlon and Stephanie Reigle arrived at 3:22 pm. Provost Hanlon reported that he was “cruising” through the semester with the budget and hiring processes about to start. Currently there are no major issues to report.

Topics broached with the Provost:

1. The grievance model
2. The Dow agreement
3. Coursera
4. Retention of quality faculty
5. Actual tuition increases

Provost Hanlon mentioned that there was a new advisory committee to him: the Provost’s Advisory Committee on Budgetary Affairs (PACBA). He’s looking forward to having input from the committee relative to next year’s budget.

Provost Hanlon pointed out that in the U.S. News rankings, schools are ranked higher when there is a higher ratio of expenditures to students. This is a deterrent to improving efficiency, which UM has been very successful at doing.

Provost Hanlon went on to explain that the top four sources of revenue for the academic enterprise are: 1. tuition (37%); 2. sponsored research (35%); 3. state appropriations (8-9%); and 4. gifts (18-19%). About \$1B in federal research dollars come in to the State of Michigan through UM. A short discussion regarding that the indirect cost dollars do not cover all indirect costs related to a grant followed.

GUESTS left at 4:20 pm.

The discussion returned to the Faculty Perspectives decision of how an individual is encouraged to write for the entire community should s/he write a more personal perspective. Since this is the first “personal” perspective turned in to the current committee, there is no precedent as to how it

should be handled. It's also the reason that R. Fraser is seeking SACUA's advice. He reported that the Record would accept about one Faculty Perspectives page every three weeks and that possibly one additional page per month would be accepted.

ARRIVAL OF GUEST

President Mary Sue Coleman arrived at 4:30 pm.

Topics presented by President Coleman:

1. Restructuring of the Department of Public Safety
2. Her recent trip to Brazil
3. State of the University address
4. Coursera
5. AAU meeting
6. General Counsel Search

R. Fraser complimented President Coleman by pointing out the recent article in the Chronicle that recognized her as being very successful at fund-raising. He asked her why she thought she was so successful at fund-raising. President Coleman responded that she is deeply interested in the people from whom she asks for donations and believes that they respond to her interest.

GUEST left at 4:58 pm

The discussion regarding the recommendation made by R. Fraser was resumed. There was a motion to accept the recommendation with a slight change in the last sentence.

ACTION OF SACUA 102912-1

SACUA adopts distributed item 4 with the change in the last sentence to:

“The Board shall exercise editorial judgment, including correcting for grammar and clarity, redacting repetitious material and determining the content which may include declining to publish material that are judged to be excessively personal”.

The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Advisory Committee on Recreational Sports

Out of EXECUTIVE SESSION at 5:05 PM.

Research Policies Committee make up was discussed. It was decided that the committee needs a humanities or social sciences person.

The meeting adjourned at 5:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Carr
SACUA Office Staff

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“... [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.”