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**MINUTES OF THE SACUA MEETING OF 31 OCTOBER 2011**

**Present:** Barald (chair), Goldman, Kearfott , Koopmann, Larsen, Lusmann, Rothman, Staller, Schneider

**Absent:** Lehman

**Guests:** Regent A. Newman, Regent K. White

**Materials Distributed**

1. Draft agenda
2. Draft minutes of the 10 October 2011 meeting of SACUA
3. Abstracted CFO T. Slottow FY 2011 investment report

The meeting was convened by Chair Barald at 3:17 p.m. and the agenda was approved.

**VISIT OF REGENTS NEWMAN AND WHITE**

The meeting entered executive session at 3:18 p.m. for a discussion with Regents Newman and White. The meeting resumed open session at 4:35 p.m.

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

The minutes of 19 October 2011 were corrected and approved with one abstention.

**LIAISON REPORTS**

Financial Affairs Advisory Committee (FAAC) – SACUA liaison Barald reported that the FAAC was presented with the FY 2011 investment report of the University's Long Term Portfolio (LTP) which showed a return on investment of over 24%. During the years of 1990-2010, the University's total endowment ranking, in a comparison to its peers of both public and private universities, has risen from a ranking of 26<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>. The University of Texas system is the only public institution with a higher ranking. The University of Michigan and Duke University are the only two universities in the USA with AAA ratings from Moody's and Standard and Poor's. Harvard University still leads the endowment rankings.

Medical Affairs Advisory Committee (MAAC) – SACUA liaison Rothman reported that the

MAAC had recently discussed a potential plan for increasing development for the Medical Center.

University Secretary Advisory Committee – SACUA liaison Staller reported that the Secretary’s advisory committee is in the process of drafting an anti-bullying amendment to the Standard Practice Guide (SPG).

Government Relations Advisory Committee (GRAC) – SACUA liaison Staller reported that the GRAC had discussed the domestic partners’ benefits State Bill No. 4770 and possible legal responses by the University.

General Counsel Advisory Committee – SACUA liaison Goldman stated that the General Counsel’s advisory committee had also discussed State Bill No. 4770.

Communications Advisory Committee – SACUA liaison Goldman reported that the advisory committee to the communications vice president had discussed a study of University branding and the search for the newly-created social media director.

Committee for Institutional Cooperation (CIC) – SACUA representative Goldman attended the October 28 and 29 CIC faculty leadership conference at Purdue University. Goldman reported that the CIC group compared campuses in the areas of: 1) the use and extent of executive officers, 2) regional campuses, 3) senate leaders' compensation, and 4) the increasing number of out-of-state and international students. The group also discussed open access with the Purdue University librarian.

Student Relations Advisory Committee (SRAC) – SACUA liaison Koopmann reported that the SRAC had discussed the new sexual harassment policy and specifically the lowering of the burden of proof from “clear and convincing” to “by a preponderance of evidence”.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
T. Schneider  
Secretary pro tempore

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