

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
SENATE ASSEMBLY MEETING
October 24, 2016
Monday, 3:15 pm
Forum Hall, Palmer Commons

Present: Alam, Atzmon, Bhattacharyya, Beatty, Bertacco, Broglio, Casida, Djuric, Eaton, Ellis, Freeman, Friesen, Gaggio, Gallo, Greve, Jacobsen, Jones, Kaartinen, Krivokapic, Kupferschmid, Larson, Lenk, Likosky, Liu, Menon, Ortega, Pecina, Princen, Sanchez, Schultz, Skolarus, L Smith, Smith, Szymanski, Veatch, Vinkur, Weineck, Woodard, Wright, Zeisberg

Alternate Requested: Aidala, Beck, Brown, Bruch, Cattaneo, Mortenson, Dolins, Erikson, Ghaferi, Kileny, Schmidt, Schwank

Alternates Attending: No Alternates Attended

Absent: Azizi, Bagley, Carlos, Chatterjee, Chen, Cohn, Gocek, Keshamouni, Lehman, Li, Lyman, Malek, McInnis, Moss, Noll, Orady, Roddier, Shaefer, Wang, Welsh, Whiting, Zimmerman

3:21 Call to Order/Approval of Agenda, Minutes/Announcements

Chair Schultz called the meeting to order

3:25: The agenda was approved (unanimously); the minutes were approved (unanimously)

3:22 "Quiz" Results

Chair Schultz reviewed the results of the quiz, the Flint/Dearborn/Ann Arbor task force was number 1; e-mail voting was also a high priority. An SA member asked if research faculty are already part of the Faculty Senate, Chair Schultz said they were.

3:26 Tri-Campus Task Force Resolution [approved by SACUA]

Chair Schultz introduced the SACUA motion:

WHEREAS, a large number of Senate members from UM-Flint and UM-Dearborn have requested SACUA to create a Senate Assembly task force to undertake an assessment of and to make recommendations about tri-campus campus faculty governance relationships at U-M, UM-Dearborn, and UM-Flint, and

WHEREAS, creating such a task force received the highest number of votes in the Senate Assembly initial poll at the September 19, 2016 Senate Assembly meeting, then

THEREFORE, be it resolved that Senate Assembly hereby creates such a tri-campus task force to work with any existing local stakeholder, and

be it further resolved that Senate Assembly hereby gives SACUA in collaboration with local campus faculty governance the authority to populate and charge a six-member task force subject to final approval of Senate Assembly, and be it further resolved that the task force will report back to Senate Assembly at the April 17, 2017 Senate Assembly meeting.

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The measure passed unanimously

3:30 Regent Candidates' Forum

The candidates attending the session were:

Larry Deitch (Democrat, incumbent)
Denise Ilitch (Democrat, incumbent)
Ron Weiser (Republican)
Carl Meyers (Republican)
John Jascob (Libertarian)

After delivering 3 minute introductions, the candidates answered questions from the audience. Topics included:

1. The effects of limiting tuition increases versus a high tuition/high financial aid models as a way of promoting diversity. Keeping tuition low would primarily help wealthy families.
2. The investment of \$25 million for Shared Services. Academia is not the same as business, and consolidation of administrative resources does not work the same way as cost cutting measures in the business world.
3. The role of the Regents in enhancing state contributions to higher education.
4. The government supplement for building as there has been in past.
5. Support for adding a faculty representative to the board of regents.
6. Support restoring the banners of the Fab Five.
7. Racist incidents on campus, which may be connected with the behavior of the Republican presidential candidate; the relationship between Republican candidates and Mr. Trump.
8. Increased payments from athletic department pay more into the General Fund.
9. The role of technology in higher education (especially for distance learning). Students attending class do better than students who watch videos.
10. Ways Regents set goals and evaluate success.
11. The role of the Regents in approving increases in administrative costs. Controlling the increasing ratio of administrators to faculty.
12. Has any institution of higher education maintained standards of excellence in higher education without raising costs?
13. The autonomy of university and the appropriate regental response when goals of the citizens of Michigan are in conflict with the goals of the University.

5:05 Adjournment

Next Senate Assembly Meeting: November 21, 2016

Respectfully submitted,

David S. Potter
Senate Secretary

University of Michigan Bylaws of the Board of Regents, Sec. 4.01:
The University Senate
Minutes of 24 October 2016
Circulated 21 November 2016
Approved 21 November 2016



The 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.

University of Michigan Bylaws of the Board of Regents, Sec. 4.04:

The Senate Assembly

The Senate Assembly shall serve as the legislative arm of the senate.

The assembly shall have power to consider and advise regarding all matters within the jurisdiction of the University Senate which affect the functioning of the university as an institution of higher learning, which concern its obligations to the state and to the community at large, and which relate to its internal organization insofar as such matters of internal organization involve general questions of educational policy.

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

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