THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
Senate Advisory Committee on University Affairs (SACUA)  
Monday, May 8, 2017 3:15 pm  
Regents Room, Fleming Building

Present: Atzmon, Beatty, Malek, Marsh, Ortega (chair), Schultz, Szymanski; Potter, Schneider and Snyder

Absent: Carlos, Wright

Guests: none

3:20 Call to Order/Approval of Agenda and Minutes/Announcements
Chair Ortega called the meeting to order. The agenda was approved. The minutes for 1 May were approved.

3:23 Committee Liaisons
Chair Ortega discussed the role of SACUA liaisons, their significance as conduits for information from committees to SACUA, and the importance of the liaison’s relationship with the relevant committee chair. There was general discussion of the erratic scheduling of some committees, and light attendance of meetings, both of which were deprecated. Professor Marsh suggested that chairs be given clear guidelines for meetings and the keeping of minutes. Professor Schultz said chairs for advisory committees are free to proceed as the chair and the executive officer feel is necessary. Ms. Snyder pointed out that committees tend to work more efficiently when schedules can be set early in the year. Chair Ortega concluded that chairs should be reminded of their charges and urged to develop effective schedules; liaisons should find effective ways to communicate with chairs.

3:50 Executive Session: Debrief FGM Meeting of May 1
[Support for the FGM]

4:14 Executive Session: Update on DMN Academic Freedom Lecture
[Selection process]

4:43 Executive Session: Nominations for Advisory Board on Intercollegiate Athletics (ABIA)
[nominees discussed]

5:00 Executive Session: Award Selection for Distinguished Faculty Governance Award and Regents Distinguished Faculty Governance Award
[nominees discussed]; [criteria discussed]

5:12 Matters Arising
[none]
5:12 Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,
David S. Potter
Senate Secretary

University of Michigan Bylaws of the Board of Regents, Sec. 5.02:
Governing Bodies in Schools and Colleges
Sec. 4.01 The University Senate
"[...]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. Jurisdiction over academic policies 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."

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SACUA: “The committee may adopt rules for the transaction of its business.”