

Minutes of 20 November 2017  
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THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
SENATE ASSEMBLY MEETING  
November 20, 2017  
Monday, 3:15 pm  
Anderson Room, Michigan Union

**Present:** Aidala, Atzmon, Beatty, Burzo, Campbell, Carlos, Djuric, Eaton, Finlayson, Fenno, Fraser, Friesen, Gallo, Ghaferi, Hartley, Herbert, Indjejikian, Jacobsen, Jones (Retiree), Kaartinen, Kahle, Kannatey-Asibu, Knoblauch, Larson, Lenk, Lippert, Likosky, Malek (by Virtue), Marsh (by Virtue), Meek, Myers, Ortega, Pecina, Rao, Sanchez, Sandhu, Schmidt, Schwank, Skolarus, Szymanski (by virtue), Tonomura, Traynor, Vance

**Alternate Requested:** Azizi (Medicine), Blackburn(SSW), Costa (Nursing), Duffy (LSA), Erickson (Pharmacy), Manera (Engineering), Mao (LSA), McInnis (Medicine)

**Alternates Present:** Staller (SSW), Zhu (Pharmacy), Zhao (LSA)

**Absent:** Alam, Bagley, Bruch, Cattaneo, Chatterjee, Checkoway, Chen, Gaggio Greve, Li, Menon, Mortenson, Noll, Princen, Roddier, Schultz (by virtue), Shah, Shtein, Toyama, Turnley, Vinkur (Retiree), Welsh, Wright (by virtue)

3:20 Call to Order, Approval of Agenda and Minutes  
The agenda was accepted  
The minutes from October 23 were accepted

3:20 Announcements

The next Senate Assembly meeting will be at Palmer Commons with President Schlissel. Chair Ortega invited Senate Assembly members to submit questions for President Schlissel. Chair Ortega announced December 4, SACUA will meet on the Dearborn Campus. Chair Ortega asked Senate Assembly members to discuss two questions in preparation for Vice Provost Sellers' visit. They are:

1. Describe successful efforts you made over the past year that demonstrates the importance of diversity, equity and inclusion relevant to your scholarship and teaching.
2. What more can and should the University do to promote the importance of diversity, equity and inclusion in your unit and throughout the University.

3:50 Vice Provost for Equity and Inclusion and Chief Diversity Officer Robert Sellers arrived to discuss the Faculty Campus Climate Survey.

Vice Provost Sellers gave an introduction of the make-up of the survey. There was a 71% response rate. Overall, 72-75% of faculty find they have had a positive experience at U-M. It is impossible to link back and identify specific faculty. Robert Sellers described the survey data as high quality. An Assembly member asked if the data pertains to Flint and Dearborn too but it pertains to Ann Arbor only.

[2017-2018 Faculty Climate Survey Presentation \(http://facultysenate.umich.edu/senate-assembly/\)](http://facultysenate.umich.edu/senate-assembly/)

Respectfully submitted

David Potter  
Senate Secretary

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**University of Michigan Bylaws of the Board of Regents, 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.

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**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.

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**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.