

Minutes of 22 January 2017
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THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
SENATE ASSEMBLY MEETING
January 22, 2017
Monday, 3:15 pm
Forum Hall, Palmer Commons

Present: Aidala, Atzmon, Azizi, Beatty, Burzo, Campbell, Costa, DeYoung, Djuric, Duffy, Eaton, Erickson, Ghaferi, Herbert, Indjejikian, Jacobsen, Kaartinen, Larson, Lenk, Likosky, Malek (by Virtue), Manera, Mao, Marsh (by Virtue), Meek, Ortega, Pecina, Rao, Sanchez, Schwank, Schultz (by virtue), Skolarus, Szymanski (by virtue), Tonomura, Toyama, Vance, Wright (by virtue)

Alternate Requested: Carlos (Medicine), Checkoway (SSW), Fraser (Dearborn), Gallo (LSA), Jones (Retiree), Lippert (Flint), McInnis (Medicine), Myers(STMD), Roddier (Taubman), Schmidt (Medicine), Traynor (Medicine)

Alternates Present: Puthenvedu (Medicine), Lee (SSW), Assari (Medicine), Meyer (Dearborn), Sanders (Flint)

Absent: Alam, Bagley, Blackburn, Bruch, Cattaneo, Chatterjee, Chen, Finlayson, Fenno, Friesen, Gaggio, Greve, Hartley, Hurst, Kahle, Kannatey-Asibu, Knoblauch, Li, Menon, Mortenson, Noll, Princen, Sandhu, Shah, Shtein, Turnley, Vinkur, Welsh.

3:15 Chair Ortega called the meeting to order. The December 21, 2017 minutes were approved unanimously except for one abstention.

3:20 SACUA STATEMENT

SACUA provided the following statement approved by SACUA to Senate Assembly for information purposes:

The Faculty stand with our students, staff, administration and broader Michigan community in deploring those who seek to inspire violence and division against and within our society. Acts that promote hate, prejudice racism, bigotry, and discrimination are reprehensible. Such acts can put our university and its members at risk, particularly if they are committee on campus.

We believe University of Michigan faculty support this view and express their sincere opposition to those who promote their acts, each in their own way. SACUA will facilitate communication between different groups and support efforts to organize a coordinated response. SACUA will publish a webpage shortly for this purpose and begin to populate it with relevant links. Email facultySenateOffice.freespeech@umich.edu (mailto:facultySenateOffice.freespeech@umich.edu) if you would like to be part of this organized effort. Several Assembly members questioned whether all division is wrong.

3:40 FACULTY AND ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT GUESTS

Ketra Armstrong, the Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR) and Anne Curzan, the Athletics Performance Committee (APC) Chair presented the annual APC report (attached). Topics included the number of teams and athletes, academic eligibility, and student athlete diversity. At the request of an

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Assembly member, it was agreed to provide grade point averages of student athletes. Make-up test taking was discussed and it was emphasized that student athletes must complete all of the work for a class. It was emphasized that there are many support programs for student athletes and it is understood that only 2% of college athletes enter professional sports.

4:30 SACUA NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Senate Assembly held an election to select four Assembly members whose terms are ending this year who would serve on the SACUA Nominating Committee. The SACUA election will occur at the March Senate Assembly meeting.

4:45 STATEMENT OF STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES GUESTS

Gina Cervetti, Chair of Student Relations Advisory Committee (SRAC), Erik Wessel, Director of the Office of Student Conflict Resolution OSCAR), and Simone Himbeault Taylor, Associate Vice President Student Life encouraged Senate Assembly members to participate in the three-year review and amendment of the Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities. (See 2018-2019 Statement Amendment Process. <http://faculty senate.umich.edu/senate-assembly/>)

4:50 SACUA NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Winners of the SACUA Nominating Committee were announced: Stefan Szymanski, Dave Wright, Christine Aidala, Nicolas Bagley, Elizabeth Bruch, Laura Friesen, and Johannes Schwank.

4:55 There were no matters arising.

5:00 Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted,
Thomas E. Schneider
Secretary Pro Tem

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.

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.
