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THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
Senate Advisory Committee on University Affairs (SACUA)  
Monday, October 1, 2018 3:15 pm  
5072 Fleming Administration Building  
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48109-1340

Present: Atzmon, Beatty, Carlos (Bluejeans), Conway, Lippert, Marsh (chair), Spencer, Potter, Schneider, Snyder

Absent: Schultz

Guests: members of the press

3:18: Call to order/Approval of Agenda and Announcements

The agenda was approved. The minutes for September 27 will be forwarded to President Schlissel for his comments.

3:23: Approval of October Senate and Senate Assembly Agenda

3:20 Senate Secretary Election

3:25 Revising Rules

Resolution to Authorize an Electronic Vote of Senate on  
Changes to Senate Rules

**Whereas**, The Rules of the University Senate have become outdated and require revision to reflect modern technologies that allow Senate business to be conducted by electronic means and,

**Whereas**, Such changes to the rules would facilitate increased participation of the Faculty in the governance of the University; therefore be it,

**Resolved**, The Senate hereby authorizes an electronic vote of the Senate on amendments to the Rules of the Senate as may be proposed and approved by SACUA and the Senate Assembly.

3:30 REGENT CANDIDATE'S FORUM

5:00 Adjourn

The Agenda was approved

3:38: Vaping (discussion)

Librarian Spencer said that President Schlissel is interested in ending “vaping,” the use of electronic cigarettes, on campus. He is concerned with the impact of second-hand smoke (<https://news.umich.edu/vaping-s-potential-to-benefit-public-health-exceeds-its-risks/>). Librarian

Spencer also referenced an email from the Alcohol and Other Drugs Committee, which is charged with ensuring that the University's regulations are applied equitably across campus (<https://uhs.umich.edu/aod>), and has issued a biennial report. The committee has not reached a final conclusion with respect to "vaping." The existing rules state that (<http://alcohol-drug-policy.umich.edu/>):

Electronic cigarettes, e-cigarettes, electronic nicotine delivery systems or any other lit smoking device (a) are expressly prohibited (i) on the premises of the U-M Health System, University of Michigan Dental School and the University Health Service and (ii) in the seated locations of Michigan Stadium and (b) are prohibited in University Housing facilities as set forth in the Community Living at Michigan guidelines.

President Schlissel is currently wondering about the use of electronic cigarettes in classrooms. Professor Lippert, asked if faculty would have the authority to say whether or not to permit "vaping" in their classrooms. She added that electronic cigarettes maybe as dangerous as regular cigarettes, and asked if a campus-wide policy would be appropriate? Librarian Spencer said there is no campus-wide policy. Chair Marsh asked if SACUA should take a view on this? Professor Malek suggested that more information be gathered. Librarian Spencer suggested that SACUA should wait to see if President Schlissel includes e-cigarettes within the University's overall anti-tobacco policies.

3:50: Executive Session:

[LSA Dean Search Committee Nominations (3 Nominations for 1 Position)]  
[Length of Office of Institutional Equity Investigation in the Medical School]  
[Faculty Rights and Responsibility]

5:11: The meeting adjourned

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

"...[t]he 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 polices 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."

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

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

Assembly: “The Assembly may adopt rules for the transaction of its business. In appropriate cases not covered by rules of the Assembly, the rules of the University Senate shall apply.”

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