

## AAAC Meeting Minutes for February 22, 2019

Present: Ketra Armstrong, Michael Atzmon (SACUA liaison), Gaurav Desai, Michael Hess, Enrico Landi, Chris Lu, Lissa Patterson, Scott Piper, Seth Quidachay-Swan, Cathy Sanok, Hsiao Hsin Sung Hsieh, Kentaro Toyama (chair and notetaker), Katie van Zanen (Rackham student representative).

Absent: Kimberly Kearfott, Kristin Klein, Merissa Maccani (undergraduate student representative), Maribel Okiye (Rackham student representative).

The AAAC met with Provost Martin Philbert, Special Counsel Christine Gerdes, Assistant Vice Provost Jim Burkel, and Interim Director for Academic Human Resources, Alexandra Matish between 8-9am.

The meeting started with Special Counsel Gerdes, AVP Burkel, and Director Matish discussing modifications to SPG 602.11 (the university's policy regarding faculty-student relationships) that were made prior to its taking effect a few days prior to the meeting. In the remainder of the meeting, Special Counsel Gerdes, AVP Burkel, and Director Matish overviewed processes for reporting, investigating, and handling cases of sexual misconduct at the university. The AAAC continued the discussion on its own for about 45 minutes.

### **SPG 602.11**

In the AAAC meeting on January 29, 2019, the AAAC provided feedback to the Provost and to Special Counsel Gerdes, AVP Burkel, and Director Matish regarding a draft version of the revisions to SPG 602.11. (Those details are in the corresponding minutes.)

Soon after that meeting, the AAAC sent the Provost and the revision team an email highlighting one point as being of particular concern – that the definition of what counted as a “Covered Relationship” was overly vague and ambiguous. Among other problems, the AAAC felt that the definition was unnecessarily broad.

At this meeting (Feb. 22), the AAAC heard that the following amendments had been made between the previous draft and the final version: