

**Tri-Campus Committee of the Senate Assembly**  
**Minutes of September 23, 2019 from 2:15 p.m.**  
**4th floor Palmer Commons**  
**Approved: October 3, 2019**

**Present:** Caitlin Finlayson (chair), Greg Laurence, William Schultz, Holly Sorscher (minutes)  
**Absent:** Ian Robinson

Agenda items:

1. Introduction of New Members/Our Mandate

- Caitlin will query SACUA about the parameters of the committee make-up (i.e. mix of both members and non-members of Senate Assembly), distribution of members across the three campuses, and potential for new members being added in October.
- Should we add a Vice-Chair for this committee?
  - Let's wait until next meeting to make this choice once we have additional members and have gotten clarity on the member/non-member issue
- Mandate comes from SACUA but we are also able to bring up matters as we see fit

2. Overview of 2018-19 activities/Draw up Brief Annual Report

- Resolution regarding appointments and reappointments of Deans
- Bylaw language revisions: adjusted inconsistent language in the Regents Bylaws and UM Faculty Handbook (inconsistent since practice does not match the policy description)
- Resolution affirming faculty governance on all three campuses at all levels; i.e. unilateral decisions should not be made and meaningful faculty input is fundamental.
- Minor Senate Assembly language changes: Dearborn and Flint are campuses not units
- Tri-Campus Faculty Fellowship in Academic Excellence proposal; now approved by SACUA in principle will go to Senate Assembly in October 2019 for comments and then back to SACUA for further comments and refining.
  - Provost has expressed interest in principle
  - Refinement re: how would this be rolled out and managed, etc.

3. Discussion of next steps for the Tri-Campus Faculty Fellowship in Academic Excellence in AY2019-2020

- Will be presented at Senate Assembly in October for further comment and then will be taken back up by this committee for further development
- Need to clarify language around "Fellowships may be held once every two calendar years"; the TCC on reflection feels this should be a 'once in a career' opportunity
- If this proposal is expected to be complete, this committee would like to propose changes before this proposal goes to Senate Assembly in October; if the intent is that we are looking for comments/questions we should go ahead and present - Caitlin will clarify purpose with SACUA
- Bill Schultz proposes this Fellowship be named in memory of Sarah Lippert, in order to honor her and her hard work on this committee and this proposal. The committee unanimously agreed.

4. Discussion of the year's priorities --Tabled until next meeting when new members join

## 5. Matters arising