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THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
Senate Advisory Committee on University Affairs (SACUA)
Monday, January 27, 2019 3:15 pm
4006 Fleming Administration Building
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48109-1340

Present: Ahbel-Rappe, Beatty (chair), Conway, Dinov, Gallo, Malek, Manera, Marsh, Potter, Spencer, Banasik, Snyder

Absent:

Guests: President Schlissel; Erika Hrabec, Executive Assistant to the President; Professor Porter; Members of the Press

3:15: Call to Order and Approval of Minutes

The agenda was approved; the minutes for November 25 and December 9 were approved.

3:16: Announcements

Chair Beatty said SACUA is working on the agenda for the February 17 Senate Assembly meeting, for which Provost Philbert had been scheduled. The meeting will now include a visit from the Student Relations Advisory Committee, the Ginsberg Center and Professor Catherine Carver, who is part of the debate planning team. Senate Assembly members will then be invited to engage in a discussion of ways the debate can be built into their teaching. For the meeting's last twenty minutes, Chair Beatty would like Professor Sally Oey to present the work she has been doing related to lighting standards and light pollution (Dark Skies). Professor Oey has been working with the city of Ann Arbor to develop its lighting standards, and having the university also participate will be important to meet the city's goals for light pollution. This lighting issue has also attracted attention from Central Student Government.

Professor Marsh raised the issue of an electronic voting measure for the Senate, saying that this should be a twenty-minute item for Senate Assembly. Professor Potter said that this could fit into the March meeting. Dr. Banasik said she has followed up on electronic voting, and this system will be ready for the SACUA election in the March Senate Assembly. SACUA agreed that electronic voting will be used for this year's SACUA election.

3:30: President Schlissel
[Executive Session]

4:00: Professor D. Porter
[Executive Session]

4:46: Committee realignment

Chair Beatty offered a model for realignment of SACUA's committee structure which merges several of the committees. Professor Marsh expressed concern about the merging of the Buildings, Facilities and Infrastructure Committee (BFIC) with (Financial Affairs Advisory Committee (FAC) since both have significant work. Ms. Snyder pointed out that the committee could meet in alternative months with respect to specific BFIC issues, and in other months meet with Chief Financial Officer Hegarty. The discussion of committee realignment will be continued online, and a further meeting will be held after the town hall meeting.

5:03 Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,
David S. Potter
Interim Senate Secretary

Appendix: 2020-2021 Senate Assembly Committee Realignment

Proposed Committee Changes:

Merge the following committees:

1. Committee on Civil Rights and Liberties (CCRL)

Committee for an Inclusive University (CIU)

Tri-Campus Committee (TCC)

CIU has been on hiatus, and TCC has struggled to have enough members participating. There is overlap between these three committees. A consolidated committee pulling in the most active members may be more effective.

Potential names for the merged committee:

Committee for Fairness, Equality, and Inclusivity (CFEI)

Committee for Fair and Equal Representation (CFER)

2. Financial Affairs Advisory Committee (FAAC)

Building, Facilities, and Infrastructure (BFIC)

Absorb BFIC into FAAC and expand the charge.

Note: AVP for Facilities and Operations reports to Kevin Hegarty. A separate committee may not be necessary.

Revise the name of the following and develop a specific charge:

1. Committee on the Economic Status of the Faculty

The work of this committee expands beyond economics and includes topics such as campus climate and social well-being. This committee could potentially be advisory to AHR because they often need data from AHR. An advisory role would be informal because this is not required by the Bylaws.

Potential names for the revised committee:

Committee on the Economic Health and Social Well-Being of the Faculty (CEHSF)

Consider making the following ad hoc:

1. Rules, Practices, and Policies Committee (RPP)

This committee does not meet regularly, but may be needed when specific needs arise.

Consider revising the following based on changes to Bylaw 5.09 when final:

1. Tenure, Promotions, and Professional Development Committee (TPP)

This committee could become the judicial review committee.

Remaining Senate Assembly Committees (Advisory to Vice Presidents):

Academic Affairs Advisory Committee

Communications Advisory Committee

Development Advisory Committee

General Counsel's Advisory Committee

Government Relations Advisory Committee

Informational Technology Committee

Medical Affairs Advisory Committee

Secretary of the University Advisory Committee

Student Relations Advisory Committee

Other Senate Assembly Committees

Administration Evaluation Committee (AEC)

Davis, Markert, and Nickerson Academic Freedom Lecture Committee (DMN)

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 policies 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."