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THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
Senate Advisory Committee on University Affairs (SACUA)
Monday, February 24, 2019 3:15 pm
4006 Fleming Administration Building
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48109-1340

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

Absent:

Guests: Members of the Press

3:15: Call to Order and Approval of Minutes

The agenda was approved; Consideration of minutes for 10 February was postponed to March 9.

3:20: Announcements

Chair Beatty announced that SACUA has been asked to submit the names of 6 candidates to serve on the Honorary Degree Committee. The committee has five candidates from the Ann Arbor campus, one from UM-Dearborn and one from UM-Flint.

Tamiko Strickman (<https://record.umich.edu/articles/tamiko-strickman-named-avp-for-institutional-equity/>), the new director of the Office for Institutional Equity (OIE), will visit SACUA on March 9. She is very interested in hearing faculty concerns. She will also be coming to Senate Assembly for the April 20 meeting, and visiting soon with the Tenure, Promotions and Professional Development Committee.

3:25: Faculty Senate Director Updates

Dr. Banasik has been developing standard operating procedures for the office which include

1. Tracking issues including summaries of SACUA, Senate Assembly, Faculty Senate, and 1-1 meetings with executive officers.
2. Tracking Meeting materials
3. The Faculty Senate Calendar
4. Writing SACUA election materials and developing a template for Regents' updates
5. Senate Assembly quorum tracker (including an attendance tracker, solicitation of volunteers), and a resolution motion-statement tracker
6. Senate Assembly Committee administration
 - a. Membership trackers
 - b. Meeting Trackers
 - c. Volunteer recruitment

7. Senate Assembly Committee Chair Resources and Senate Assembly Committee Updates to be presented to Senate Assembly every other month
 8. Website redesign, which will go live on May 1
- Professor Dinov, asked how the material is stored and how public it is. Dr. Banasik replied that the information is in Box and is not public, and that the documents are administrative and are intended to enable the Faculty Senate Office to manage all the activities of SACUA and Senate Assembly. Professor Dinov said that the information could be managed by the Information Technology Service to ensure that it is protected in case the University adopts new systems. Dr. Banasik said that the Faculty Senate Office will take the necessary steps to ensure the accessibility of the material over time, and mentioned that the office is working with the Bentley library to archive historical documents.

3:45: SACUA Committee Liaison Reports

Chair Beatty asked the SACUA committee liaisons to share any notable developments from their committees, and asked to start with those committees that do not keep minute such as the Tenure Promotions and Professional Development Committee [TPP] and the General Counsel Advisory Committee [GCAC]. Professor Dinov, the liaison for both TPP and the Information Technology Committee (ITC), said that the TPP has been discussing 5.09 cases and the work of the 5.09 working group; the ITC has been discussing concerns about infrastructure, and is looking for more topics to pursue. Librarian Spencer, liaison for both the Communications and Advisory Committee (CAC) and the Committee on Civil Rights and Liberties (CCRL), said that the CAC met with Rick Fitzgerald and that the CCRL met and discussed University policies with respect to sexual misconduct cases. Chair Beatty mentioned concerns she has heard about needing more Ann Arbor research faculty on the Research Policy Committee (RPC). Professor Malek said that the Medical Affairs Advisory Committee (MAAC) has been informed that the Medical School has signed on for a program named PULSE developed at Vanderbilt University, to deal with complaints about Clinical Staff. The new program has aims that appear to mirror those of OIE, and individuals who are named in events reported through this program receive “coaching”. It is not clear if such coaching carries the weight of a disciplinary action, or how it would be related to subsequent disciplinary actions. He suggested that SACUA get information on this program. Professor Conway suggested that SACUA consider adding students to the new committees that were created at the last Senate Assembly meeting.

4:00 Executive Session

Standard Operating Procedures for OIE Imposed Sanctions

4:53 Adjournment

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 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."