

**UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION
Item for Information**

SUBJECT: FACULTY GOVERNANCE UPDATE

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1. Membership and leadership of SACUA

As of May 1, four new members have joined SACUA:

- Sarah Ahbel-Rappe, professor of Greek and Latin, LSA
- Elena Gallo, associate professor of astronomy and associate chair of graduate studies, LSA
- Annalisa Manera, professor of nuclear engineering and radiological sciences, College of Engineering
- Ivo Dinov, professor of health behavior and biological sciences, School of Nursing; and professor of computational medicine and bioinformatics, Medical School

SACUA acknowledge the contribution of three members rotating off the committee, having completed their three year terms:

- Michael Atzmon, professor of nuclear engineering and radiological sciences and of materials science and engineering, College of Engineering
- Ruth Carlos, professor of radiology, Medical School
- William Schultz, professor of mechanical engineering, College of Engineering

As of May 1, the SACUA chair is changing from Neil Marsh, professor of chemistry and biological chemistry, LSA (2018-19) to Joy Beatty, associate professor of management, Dearborn (2019-2020). The vice chair will be Colleen Conway, professor of music education, SMTD. The committee acknowledges and appreciates the leadership Chair Marsh has provided for the last academic year.

Thomas Schneider, the Director of the Faculty Senate Office, will retire from the University on June 10, 2019. Tom has lead the office for 24 years, providing a wealth of institutional knowledge for SACUA and Faculty Senate. His wisdom will be missed. A search is under way for a new director.

SACUA mourns the recent loss of our colleague Sarah Lippert, a SACUA member from the Flint campus, who passed away on April 24, 2019 after a brief illness. Her commitment and perspective will be deeply missed. Her obituary in The Record is available here [<http://record.umich.edu/articles/sacua-honors-recently-deceased-member-sarah-lippert>]. Additionally, the committee voted to approve two memorial statements. <https://faculty senate.umich.edu/>

2. Activity and meetings report

- SACUA is handling two dismissal cases under Regents' Bylaws Section 5.09
- Since March, SACUA has met with VP and General Council Tim Lynch (3/25); Provost Martin Philbert (4/1); and VP Government Relations Cynthia Wilbanks (4/22)
- SACUA toured the Shared Service Center and met with its Executive Director, Pam Gabel (5/6)
- The University Ombuds (Robert Ortega and Michelle Hanoosh) reported to SACUA regarding their first year of service (4/8).
- Senate Assembly has received presentations from Provost Martin Philbert (3/18) and Executive VP of Medical Affairs Marshall Runge (4/15).

3. Committee reports

The **Administration Evaluation Committee** recently completed the Administration Evaluations for the Ann Arbor and Dearborn campuses. Results are available here: <http://aec.umich.edu/>. For the university wide questions, the item with the highest agreement was “Q2. I should be able to decline to write a letter of recommendation, for any reason, without penalty” (median 4.55/5), and the item with the lowest agreement was “Q5. The University community was adequately consulted before the issuance of the above two Standard Practice Guide policies” (median 2.27/5). Q5 was referencing SPG 601.38 and SPG 601.22.

The **Committee for an Inclusive University** partnered with the Office of Diversity Equity and Inclusion to run Faculty Community Conversations on April 29. This faculty town hall event was attended by over 200 faculty members and focused on sharing of diversity efforts and initiatives happening at the unit level. Comments and feedback were collected by ODEI to inform diversity programming in the next year.

The **Student Relations Advisory Committee** completed its triennial review of the Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities.

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Joy Beatty, SACUA Chair