

## UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN REGENTS COMMUNICATION Item for Information

## REGENTS' FACULTY GOVERNANCE UPDATE

Recently SACUA invited the Regents to several different types of gatherings with the hope that as many Regents as possible will be able to attend at least one or two. The first suggestion is to participate in a Town Hall meeting at one the remaining Senate Assembly meetings. The second suggestion is for the Regents to attend SACUA meetings. And the final suggestion is a breakfast meeting with a SACUA member.

Provost Martin Philbert met with Senate Assembly at its October meeting. Chief Diversity Officer Rob Sellers met with Senate Assembly at its November meeting to discuss DEI and the recently released faculty climate survey. President Mark Schlissel is scheduled to attend the December Senate Assembly meeting.

SACUA has spent a great deal of time with the faculty in Flint holding meetings with faculty on the Ann Arbor campus and in Flint. SACUA will hold a meeting in Dearborn this December.

SACUA formed the Tri-Campus Task Force to "improve communications across campuses and to ensure that faculty codes on all three campuses stay in compliance with Bylaws and other university wide policies."

Other topics of interest to and discussion in SACUA so far this semester have been First Amendment concerns and campus safety, Academic and Intellectual Freedom and the Davis, Markert, Nickerson lecture, faculty roles and DE&I planning and evaluation, faculty responsibilities relevant to mandatory reporting, OIE procedures, and the role of faculty grievance monitors and faculty grievance hearing boards in faculty grievances.

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