

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

SUBJECT: FACULTY GOVERNANCE UPDATE

SACUA Membership

The 2018-19 SACUA membership took office on May 1, 2018.

LSA Professor Neil Marsh was elected SACUA Chair and UM-Dearborn Associate Professor Joy Beatty was elected SACUA Vice Chair. Newly elected SACUA members are Music Theater and Dance Professor Colleen Conway, Librarian Deirdre Spencer, and UM-Flint Associate Professor Sarah Lippert. Continuing SACUA members are Engineering Professors Michael Atzmon and William Schultz, Medicine Professors Ruth Carlos, and Sami Malek. LSA Professor David Potter continues on SACUA ex officio as Senate Secretary.

This is the first time that women SACUA members outnumber men and the first time SACUA membership has included faculty from Flint and Dearborn simultaneously.

SACUA and the Regents

SACUA is very interested in developing connections with the Regents including invitations to SACUA meetings and breakfasts. You will receive these invitations this fall.

SENATE ASSEMBLY and the Regents

On October 15, 2018, Senate Assembly will hold the election year Regent Candidates' Forum from approximately 3:15-5:00 in the Great Lakes Room of Palmer Commons.

SACUA Chair and the President

SACUA Chair Marsh met with President Schlissel this summer and the President suggested a discussion series on a topic of interest (such as the budget) to all faculty. The President offered support for the series including help arranging the participation of senior administrators.

SACUA Chair and the Executive Officers

Over the summer, Chair Marsh met with as many executive officers as possible to talk about the functioning of the Senate Assembly Executive Officer Advisory Committees that are mandated by the Regents' Bylaws.

SACUA also prioritized issues to address in 2018-19. These include:

- 1) Broadening outreach to Faculty aimed at better informing them of the role of Faculty Governance in University affairs.
- 2) Considering best practices for Office for Institutional Equity (OIE) investigations as they relate to Faculty.
- 3) Considering best practices for administrative appointments.
- 4) Clarifying the definition of "Faculty"

Submitted: September 2018

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Neil Marsh, SACUA Chair